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Ty Conklin held off the Sabres until the Penguins' offense got going. **1B**

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- Helen E. Patronas, 83, Monessen
- Mary V. Polinchak, 94, California, Pa., formerly of Charleroi and Monessen
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TUESDAY

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Presidents need luck

Numerous factors determine the legacies of America's commanders-in-chief.

By RICHARD ROBBINS
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A successful president needs luck.

Political skill, a winning personality, persistence, a vision for the country's future, intelligence, the right temperament and good judgment don't hurt.

Good judgment is especially important for foreign policy decisions, because nothing hurts a president like getting the country into an unpopular war. Just ask Harry Truman. Or George W. Bush.

Clinton

Bush

With the election of a new chief executive on the horizon and a holiday honoring presidents today, the Tribune-Review asked western Pennsylvania historians and political scientists to list the qualities for a successful commander in chief.

"Maybe the best thing a president can have is luck," said Michael Coulter, political science professor at Grove City College in Mercer County.

Coulter said the economy is largely beyond the control of presidents but presidential good fortune is most evident when the economy is on the upswing. The dot-com boom of the 1990s not only created thousands of jobs and boosted stock market prices but strengthened Bill Clinton's hand against Republicans who wanted to toss him from office.

Likewise, a downturn in the economy can sink a president's approval ratings.

Brian Calfano, of Chatham University in Shadyside, cited

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State braces for electric shock

Deregulation has not resulted in the lower rates that were widely anticipated.

By MARC LEVY
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG – Governors booted from office. Power companies forced to issue rebates. Decade-old experiments with free-market electricity scrapped.

Those have been among the responses in other states as so-called rate caps expired, hitting consumers with the true price to flip on the lights, watch TV and run air conditioners.

After all, they had been told that competition to one-time utility monopolies would deliver lower prices under their state's deregulated electric industry.

In Pennsylvania, there is little question that electric rates are going to rocket upward – in some cases by 30 or 40 percent, maybe more – for millions of ratepayers in the next three years. The question is, what will state legislators do to ease the pain before that happens?

"I think we're really the only state that has been working on this issue prior to the rate caps coming off," said Rep. Chris Ross, R-Chester, who helped write legislation designed to incubate energy-saving programs.

However, Ross noted, "every day that we let go by gives us a little less opportunity to have the conservation tools going into effect and helping us."

Gov. Ed Rendell first rolled out his energy strategy a year ago. In it, he included provisions to diversify the state's energy sector, boost efforts to conserve electricity and encourage utilities to be savvier buyers of electricity from power generators.

Since then, the Legislature has passed only a narrow slice.

One new law peeled back a corner of deregulation to allow utilities to offer long-term fixed rates – instead of rates pinned more closely to the moving wholesale market price – to major industrial customers that want more predictable costs.

Another cleared up portions of other state laws to promote the growth of solar and other alternative energies.

Still, it is encouraging that legislators are no longer debating whether something should be done, but how much should be done, said Dan Griffiths, who directs Rendell's energy office.

As legislators consider other bills and the House and Senate try to resolve differences, they are being watched closely by power plant owners, utilities, environmentalists, consumer advocates, business groups and companies that specialize in competing with utilities.

The potentially wallet-draining rate increases that are drawing nearer have revived debate over the merits of deregulation, which was intended to reduce

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Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

George and Bernadette Soltis, of Greensburg, dance Saturday at the Stockdale fire hall.

Oldies good as ever at Stockdale fire hall

More than 1,000 people attended the golden anniversary event.

By STACY WOLFORD
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STOCKDALE – Tickets to the hottest dance in town: $10.

Airfare to Pittsburgh from such locales as Iowa, Colorado and California: $500-plus.

Reliving magical nights spent dancing at the Stockdale fire hall to the Five Satins, Fats Domino and the Shirelles: Priceless.

They twisted, shouted, and traveled from near and far to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Stockdale fire hall dances Saturday night – proving the oldies are still goodies.

"We knew this was going to be something special, but we never expected it to be this huge," Stockdale Volunteer Fire Department Chief Al Marcy said. "It was just magical."

With 1,066 in attendance, there were more people at the dance than live in Stockdale, a tiny riverside borough of about 660 residents.

Eager ticket holders jammed Route 88, as traffic was backed up clear to the Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel mill in Allenport.

The event was more than a sellout. Marcy said the waiting list for tickets comprised 500 people.

The lucky revelers who secured tickets as early as December danced into the wee hours to the music of The Chiffons, The Del Vikings, The Marcels and The Everly Brothers.

Jim "JD the DJ" Dudas kept the party going and the music flowing.

But Dudas was not the only platter-spinning specialist at the dance. The organizers also honored the original record hop DJs Ron Paglia, of Charleroi, and John Barbero, of Roscoe.

The fire hall was filled with balloons in the shapes of jukeboxes and Cadillacs donated by Bunny (Milcovich) Sapko, a florist from West Newton. Marcy said the Charleroi fire department and Roscoe borough provided chairs to accommodate the crowd.

Proceeds from the dance will help the Stockdale fire department buy a much-needed new truck, Marcy said.

"Everything was just incredible," Marcy said. "We really wanted everyone to have a good time."

Check out Valley Weekend for more images from the big dance. 7A

The Stockdale firefighters staged their first dance in 1957 as a way to raise money. Only a few hundreds teens showed up for the first dance.

Just three months later, however, attendance skyrocketed to more than 1,000 teenagers drawn to rock 'n' roll, doo-wop, and sweet love songs at the Stockdale fire hall.

Many of those former teenagers returned Saturday night to transform their memories into reality.

"I wouldn't have missed this for

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Protection sought for older workers

The Supreme Court soon will hear arguments in a number of cases involving seniors.

By MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON – There is only one anti-bias law – the one against discrimination based on age – that would cover all nine Supreme Court justices, if such laws applied to them.

The justices, ranging in age from 53 to 87, are the last people to worry about such things in their own lives. They have life tenure and no mandatory retirement age.

Yet the justices are confronted by allegations of age discrimination in five cases this term. While the sheer number of cases probably can be explained away as coincidence, the topic is one of growing importance as more people work longer because of economic necessity or by choice.

"The importance of protecting older workers as the work force ages is enormous," said Stu Cohen, AARP's director of legal advocacy. "More older workers remain in the workforce and projections are that the percentage will continue to expand."

The percentage of people 65 and over who continue to work has grown from 10.8 percent in 1985 to 16 percent last year, AARP said. For people 55 to 64, the numbers also are up, from 54.2 percent in 1985 to 63.8 percent in 2007.

The Age Discrimination in Employment Act applies to workers who are at least 40. It prohibits discrimination based on age in hiring and firing, promotions and pay.

"Literally every employee at

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Presidents (FROM PAGE ONE)

luck in the area of foreign policy. Calfano, an assistant professor of political science, pointed to the growth of the military during the Reagan administration and the eventual end of the Cold War.

Reagan supporters contend the build-up was part of a plan to bankrupt the Soviet Union and force its submission.

"While the scheme part may be true," Calfano argued, "Reagan, and the world, are lucky that the Soviets didn't respond to our massive military build-up by getting desperate and risking everything on a first strike."

Presidential biographer Robert Dallek, speaking by phone from Washington, said that "in a nutshell," successful presidents provide Americans with a "shared vision" of the country – a vision both compelling and doable.

At the same time, the president must exhibit a "powerful personality" with "considerable appeal" to people throughout the country, he said.

Dallek, who wrote biographies of John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, said presidents should take care not to embroil the nation in extended conflicts. He mentioned Truman, Bush and Johnson. Johnson's presidency was ground down by the war in Vietnam.

W. Thomas Mainwaring, professor of history at Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, said successful presidents listen to many counselors.

"Lincoln is a case in point," Mainwaring said, because he built his cabinet of strong leaders, not followers. "Lincoln clearly believed he could gain something from them."

Pat Dunham, who teaches political science at Duquesne University, listed "presidential intelligence," but said it's not just book smarts. Jimmy Carter was a bright man but was largely a failure in office because he lacked political and policy dexterity, Dunham said.

Conversely, Franklin D. Roosevelt displayed a flexibility that sprang less from his intellect than from a sixth sense, Dunham said. He cited Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes' famous remark about FDR, "A second-rate intellect, but a first-rate temperament."

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Yesteryear

This photo was taken in 1966 at the final Sadie Hawkins Dance held at Rostraver High School.

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Weather

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Electric (FROM PAGE ONE)

Pennsylvania's comparatively high electric bills.

For now, discussion about completely undoing deregulation or extending rate caps beyond 2010 is taking a back seat – not to mention, drawing heavy opposition from the electric power industry.

Out in front is legislation to help finance alternative and cleaner energy projects and attract bids from companies that specialize in conservation and efficiency programs.

One promising bill, passed by the House last week, would have the state hire a company to administer conservation and efficiency programs and meet goals for electricity savings in each utility territory across the state.

Proponents say the programs will save everybody money and, if approved soon enough, soften the anticipated rate increases.

Battles are still likely over portions of Rendell's energy plan that require utilities roll out "smart meters" to all of their Pennsylvania customers and give utilities more latitude when buying electricity in an effort to get better deals, if not more stable prices.

Older (FROM PAGE ONE)

some point is going to be protected by it because all of us get older. It's true whether you are a male, female, minority or not. It's not true for any other statute. It's a very broad class of protected people," said Steven R. Wall, a partner at the Morgan, Lewis & Bockius law firm in Philadelphia.

The cases at the court this year include what kind of evidence an employee may present to bolster an age discrimination claim; whether retirement-age workers are entitled to disability payments; and whether federal workers who complain about age discrimination are protected from retaliation.

The last issue is the subject of oral arguments Tuesday in a case involving a postal worker in Puerto Rico who complained of both discrimination and retaliation. Federal courts dismissed the retaliation claim, saying there is nothing in the age discrimination law that allows such claims by federal employees.

Other anti-discrimination laws do provide protection from retaliation for government workers, said Eric Dreiband, former general counsel to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The language in the laws are different "and it would appear deliberately different," Dreiband said.

The AARP and the National Treasury Employees Union are backing the employee.

The most important case from employers' perspective involves "me-too" evidence in a lawsuit filed by a woman who was 51 when she was laid off by a subsidiary of Sprint Nextel Corp.

The fight at the Supreme Court is over whether she should be able to introduce testimony from other employees who also say they were victims of age discrimination, even though they worked for other supervisors.

The employee, Ellen Mendelsohn, argued that such evidence is critical to establishing a culture of discrimination.

"Is it fair to an employer that somebody can call co-workers to testify, even though they had nothing to do with the plaintiff or her boss?" said Wall.

"To sum it up from a management attorney's perspective, it's a very dangerous case because you can see how that applies no matter the form of discrimination."

Good (FROM PAGE ONE)

the world," said Monessen native Terry Bachetti, who now lives in Aurora, Colo. "I was here for the very first dance, and I couldn't wait to come back. I have a lot of wonderful memories here."

Bob and Jan Lindsay, of Lansing, Mich., were married in the Stockdale fire hall 41 years ago and joined their family and friends Saturday to reminisce.

"We came to these dances and shared a lot of great times here," said Jan Lindsay, a 1964 Charleroi High School graduate. Her husband is a 1962 California Area High School graduate.

They joined Jan's sister, Carol Huhn Robinson, Judy Barber, Kathy Stringer, all of Stockdale, and Ken Gregg, of Long Branch, at a coveted table right next to the dance floor.

While many couples made good use of the hardwood dance floor, others mingled, met with old friends and kept the Stockdale Fire Department Auxiliary busy in the kitchen. Laughter filled the air, and tears and drinks flowed all night. Marcy said the department went through 11 kegs of beer. They also gave away $1,305 in two half-the-take raffles.

It was an emotional evening for Karen Corbett, of Dunlevy, whose husband Paul, died a year ago. Along with Paul's sister, Margie Godrun, of Belle Vernon, she sat at Paul Corbett's favorite spot at the fire hall – right next to the DJ.

"He was the number one oldies lover and we're here in his memory," Godrun said. "He would be happy to know we are here."

Charleroi natives Butch Rossi, of North Carolina, and his sister, Kathy Rossi Encapera, of Virginia, left their spouses at home and shared memories with friends they hadn't seen in years.

"I was just excited about the whole thing and couldn't wait to come back for this dance," Rossi said.

Michael and Darlene McNulty, who traveled from Iowa City, Iowa, shared their first date at the Stockdale fire hall.

A college buddy introduced McNulty to his future wife because he was too shy to approach her, even though they were classmates at California University of Pennsylvania.

By the time Darlene showed up at the dance, her date was already dancing with a girl from Monessen. He still talked and danced with Darlene, so the couple considers that to be their first date.

But his wife still teases him about the "girl with the curl" from Monessen.

"It was still kind of our first date because Stockdale was what brought us together," said Michael McNulty, a 1959 Bentleyville High School graduate and a retired University of Iowa professor of geography and earth sciences. His wife is a Brownsville High School graduate.

Jerry "Soapy" Moffit, of Charleroi, who spun platters at the dances when Paglia couldn't attend, was overwhelmed by the turnout.

"To see this many people here really means something," Moffit said.

While many gathered on the crowded dance floor, some opted to stay at their tables, eating, drinking and talking about the old days.

Domenick Amoroso, of Fayette City, shared tales of crashing weddings in Monessen before hitting the Stockdale dances with his buddies.

"We would go the wedding, kiss the bride, shake hands with the groom, have some drinks and go to Stockdale," said Amoroso, a 1961 Rostraver High School graduate, who brought his wife, Jan, to the Saturday event. "We were the original "Wedding Crashers."

Other couples, such as Sheldon and Nancy Epstein, of Washington, and Tom and Darlene Javornicky, of Eighty Four, came to listen to the music of the 1950s and 60s.

Marcy said the department is considering future oldies dances, but will limit the ticket sales next time.

"We know it was kind of crowded, but how could we say no to so many people?" Marcy said of the Saturday throng.

Oldies lovers can mark their calendars for May 31, as Dudas announced at the dance he will host another oldies dance at the Stockdale fire hall to mark the 25th anniversary of his popular "Mon Valley Memories" oldies radio show. Dudas can be heard noon to 6 p.m. Sundays on WJPA 95.3 FM and 1450 AM.

"The tickets aren't even on sale yet and we had people at the dance asking for a dozen tickets," Marcy said. "People want to dance to the music they grew up with and have fun. This dance was like a big class reunion."

"It really was magical."

Valley briefs

Police searching for armed robber

State police in Rostraver Township are still searching for a suspect who robbed at gunpoint a Brownsville convenience store.

According to police, the suspect entered the A Plus Minim Mart on High Street 2:47 a.m. Thursday and demanded the clerk give him all of the money in the cash register.

The suspect, whom police did not describe, said he had a gun, but did not brandish it.

After getting the money, the suspect told the clerk to lie on the floor, then fled the scene on foot.

Man sentenced for selling tiger skin

A 61-year-old western Pennsylvania man has been sentenced to six months of home detention and three years' probation for selling a tiger skin to an undercover agent.

Barry McMaster, of Greensburg, pleaded guilty in November.

Prosecutors say McMaster was paid $8,500 by an undercover U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agent for a tiger skin in December 2004.

Prosecutors say the skin was shipped from McMaster's son, Kevin, in Florida.

Kevin McMaster was sentenced in 2006 to 25 months in prison for selling or offering to sell more than $200,000 worth of gorilla skulls and skins of a tiger, snow leopard and jaguar through his Internet business.

The tiger is protected as an endangered species under federal law.

Man gets probation for insurance fraud

A Westmoreland County man has been sentenced to three years' probation for defrauding an insurance company with the help of a chiropractor.

A federal judge in Pittsburgh also ordered 31-year-old Brandon Burns, of Murrysville to pay back Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield more than $64,000.

Burns pleaded guilty in November 2005 to health care fraud.

Prosecutors say from 1996 to 2002, Burns cooperated with a chiropractor, who submitted false claims worth $64,000 to the insurance company for fictitious treatment.

Prosecutors say the unnamed chiropractor paid Burns about $17,000 for his cooperation.

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Crews from Vaughn Tree Service and the state Department of Transportation cut apart a tree that fell onto Tyrol Boulevard in Monessen this morning. The road was closed as crews worked to remove the tree.

Region to see third lunar eclipse in year

Wednesday will be the last time this area will see the moon totally enveloped by Earth's shadow for almost three years.

By ALLISON HEINRICHS
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On Wednesday, the moon will pull a hat trick.

For the third time in a year, Western Pennsylvania will be treated to a total lunar eclipse.

It will be the last time the region will see the moon totally enveloped by Earth's shadow for almost three years.

"It's really quite spectacular to watch," said John Radzilowicz, director of the Carnegie Science Center's Buhl Planetarium and Observatory.

A total lunar eclipse occurs when the sun, moon and Earth line up with Earth in the middle. The Earth blocks the sun's light, casting a shadow on the full moon.

On average, a total lunar eclipse is visible from the Pittsburgh region every three years.

The moon will edge into Earth's shadow at 8:43 p.m. and be totally enveloped from 10:01 to 10:51 p.m. It will clear the shadow just after midnight.

This eclipse comes with a bonus: Saturn will hang in the eastern sky, looking like a yellowish star to the lower left of the moon.

During the 50 minutes the moon is in total eclipse, it will take on a reddish glow that could range from a muddy reddish brown to yellow-orange -- much like a sunset.

The moon is normally illuminated by the sun, which is why it can be seen from Earth. When the moon passes into Earth's shadow it darkens, but it doesn't disappear because indirect sunlight filtered through Earth's atmosphere refracts red light to the moon. The dustier Earth's atmosphere, the darker red the moon appears.

"One of the cool things is to see what color you get," Radzilowicz said. "We expect it to be a bright orange because there haven't been any big volcanic eruptions throwing dust in the air."

Because the moon will be high in the sky, it should be easy to view -- barring clouds. The National Weather Service is forecasting cloudy skies for Wednesday night, with temperatures in the low teens.

"Even if it is cloudy, a lunar eclipse takes several hours," said Ken Coles, a professor of geoscience at Indiana University of Pennsylvania who will give a free program about the eclipse Tuesday at the school's planetarium. "All we need is an occasional hole in the clouds to see it."

History of Trent's Fort recalled

The first fort at the Forks of the Ohio was built 254 years ago.

By BRIAN BOWLING
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Trent's Fort is the Rodney Dangerfield of the French and Indian War.

The first fort built at Forks of the Ohio, now known as Point State Park, is overshadowed by its larger successors - Fort Duquesne and Fort Pitt.

Trent's Fort - a small building, probably for storage, surrounded by a palisade - lasted just three months and could be considered the site of the first military engagement of the war.

No shots were fired, however, and no one was injured or killed in the confrontation on April 17, 1754.

So most histories cite the battle a month later at Jumonville Glen, in what is now Fayette County, as the start of the war.

It helps that George Washington was at Jumonville, and even William Trent missed the French overthrow of his namesake. He was on a trip to pick up supplies.

Fort Pitt Museum historian Jill Counts Weaverling commemorated Trent Fort's 254th anniversary Sunday by giving a talk on its brief and bloodless history.

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Valley review

A look at the week that was in the Valley

Here's a look at the top news happenings of the past week in the Mid-Mon Valley:

Sewer project progressing - Belle Vernon Borough's sewer separation project should be complete by the middle of March.

Project engineer Bill Johnson, of Fayette Engineering Company Inc., of Uniontown, delivered the news to the board at a Monday meeting.

Construction on the $1.8 million system began last spring. The system will serve about 1,200 customers.

It is designed to eliminate overflows that release raw sewage into the Monongahela River and satisfy a state requirement to establish separate stormwater and wasterwater systems.

Council is using a $974,300 grant and an $880,450 low-interest loan from PENNVEST to pay for the work.

PENNVEST is a state agency that provides grants and low-interest loans for municipal and wastewater projects. The borough will repay the 1-percent interest loan over 30 years.

Income reports sought - North Belle Vernon Borough Council President Dennis Simboli said Tuesday that residents living in one section of the borough must submit income surveys if they want their roads resurfaced.

Council plans to apply for a competitive $350,000 federal Community Development Block Grant that can be used to repave 10 streets on the south side of Broad Avenue.

Surveys soon will be mailed to people living on those streets.

At Tuesday's council meeting, Simboli said residents have been reluctant to submit such forms in the past because personal information is required.

However, income eligibility must be established before the grant can be awarded.

Mayor Ed Lyons stated that the streets will be repaved using individual contracts. The streets were not included in roads resurfaced following installation of new storm water and wastewater systems.

Councilwoman Heather Prinkey said if residents do not submit the surveys, their streets will be excluded when the grant money arrives.

Plan paying off? - Even though the proposed Joint Comprehensive Plan for Monongahela and New Eagle Borough has yet to be adopted, the plan may already pay dividends for the city.

At Wednesday's regular monthly meeting, Councilman Tom Caudill announced that the city has a chance to get $400,000 for renovating and restoring the aquatorium.

Caudill said the city is petitioning for the $400,000 from the state out of the funds brought in from gambling.

Caudill said that the city having a comprehensive plan will be a plus in the state making the decision.

A public hearing will be held on the plan Feb. 22 to allow residents to discuss it and ask questions. After the public hearing, council will vote to adopt the plan.

Bridge saession planned - The state Department of Transportation is planning to meet with elected officials from the Mon Valley area to present plans to overhaul the Donora-Monessen Bridge.

Donora Mayor John Lignelli on Thursday said he was asked if the meeting could take place at the Donora Municipal Building, with a tentative date set for April 2. A public meeting for citizens' input be set at a later date.

The Donora-Monessen Bridge spans the Monongahela River, connecting Washington and Westmoreland counties.

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EVANS — Mary K. Evans, 90, of North Belle Vernon, on Saturday, Feb. 16. Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory Inc., Belle Vernon.*

FIUMELLI — Henry R. Fiumelli, 61, of Harrisburg, formerly of Monongahela, on Friday, Feb. 15. Marshall Marra Funeral Home, Monongahela.*

NECCIAI — August Necciai, 86, of Monongahela (Forward Township), on Sunday, Feb. 17. Marshall Marra Funeral Home, Monongahela.*

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PREVIOUS DEATHS:
HALL, Roland R.*
SENKO, Edward*
*** See death notice**

Irene L. Beckovich
Monongahela

Irene L. Brun Kovalak-Beckovich, 82, of Monongahela, died Sunday, February 17, 2008, in Havencrest Nursing Center, Carroll Township. Born June 11, 1925, in Donora, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Juliette Mathieu Brun. A graduate of Donora High School, she worked at the former A&P Grocery Store in Donora, retiring in 1975. She was a former member of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Donora and belonged to their Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and she was a current member of Transfiguration Catholic Church in Monongahela. Surviving is her husband of 21 years, Michael R. Beckovich Sr., whom she married January 17, 1987; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Louise and John Bagay, of Monongahela, and Carol A. and David Plasman, of Charleroi; one sister, Harriet Hellen, of Oneida, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Lisa Bagay-Hawrot and husband, James, and Kellie and Megan Plasman; two step-sons, Michael R. Beckovich Jr. and wife, Margie, of Clairton, and Daniel Beckovich and wife, Kathy, of Bethel Park; two stepdaughters, Judy Maselli and husband, James, of West Elizabeth, and Monica Ripinski and husband, Frank, of Clairton; eight step-grandchildren, Matthew, Keri, Colleen and Kevin Beckovich, Hayley Ripinski, and James, Shawn and Eric Maselli. Preceding her in death was her first husband, George Kovalak, on October 6, 1983; and one sister, Leona Hudak, on October 28, 2006. Friends will be received at the MARSHALL MARRA FUNERAL HOME, 216 Chess St., Monongahela (724-258-6767), on Tuesday, February 19, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in Transfiguration Catholic Church on Wednesday, February 20, at 10 a.m. with the Rev. George Chortos, pastor, as celebrant. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Carroll Township.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Dena M. Campagna
California, Pa.

Dena Meta Campagna, 95, of California, Pa., died Sunday, February 17, 2008, in Mon Valley Care Center. She was born Sunday, March 10, 1912, in Butler, a daughter of the late Octavio and Eva Troiano Romito. After the untimely death of her mother, Dena and her oldest sister helped in raising her 12 younger siblings in Charleroi. Dena was a loving mother and grandmother. She worked at Corning Glass in Charleroi for 14 years and was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church and its Ladies Guild. In addition to her parents, Dena was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Campagna, in 1982; two brothers, Tars and Etlo Romito; and three sisters, Urana Burns, Vera Romito and Cora Volosin. Left to cherish her memory are her two children, David Campagna and his lovely wife, Irene, of Hiller, and Ava Wright and husband, Wally, of California; three grandchildren, Rachel Ruscitti, Meredith Campagna and Wade Wright; four brothers, Tony Romito, of Charleroi, Albert Romito, of Coraopolis, Paul Romito, of Miami, Fla., and Donald Romito and wife, Ruby, of Charleroi; and four sisters, Nellie Similo, of Detroit, Mich., Gloria Doty and husband, Albert, of New Eagle, Audrey Henrion, of Monongahela, and Elaine Niccolai, of New Eagle. Friends will be received in the MARISCOTTI FUNERAL HOME INC., Anthony N. Mariscotti, Supervisor, 323 Fourth St., California, on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., and until 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 20, when a blessing service will be held in the funeral home, followed by an 11 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas Aquinas R.C. Church with Fr. George Moneck as celebrant. Interment will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mary K. Evans
North Belle Vernon

Mary Kathryn Stech Evans, of North Belle Vernon, died Saturday, February 16, 2008, in Havencrest Nursing Center, Carroll Township. A daughter of the late Lawrence and Mary McFeeley Stech, she was born in Charleroi on July 5, 1917. Mary was a member of the First Christian Church of Charleroi and had resided in North Belle Vernon for the past 59 years. Survivors include one daughter, Karen Evans, of Scott Township; one son and daughter-in-law, Lawrence and Linda Evans, of Monongahela; three grandchildren, Darren Evans and wife, Valerie, of Greensburg, Erika Way and husband, Ryan, and Kristen Warzinski and husband, Dan, all of Mt. Lebanon; and four great-grandchildren, Abigail and Nathan Evans, Reece Way and Ava Warzinski. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew Evans, on December 4, 2007; a granddaughter, Jill Evans, in 2004; and two brothers, Lawrence Stech Jr. and Donald Scott. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, February 18, in the FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY INC., www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com, (724-929-5300), 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon. Funeral services will be in the funeral home on Tuesday, February 19, at 11:30 a.m. with the Rev. Michael A. Milinovich officiating. Interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Henry R. Fiumelli
Harrisburg
Formerly of Monongahela

Henry R. Fiumelli, 61, of Harrisburg, formerly of Monongahela, died Friday, February 15, 2008, in UPMC Presbyterian, Pittsburgh. Born February 27, 1946, in Naples, Italy, he was the son of Sistina Tatangeli Fiumelli-Guzzo, who survives and resides in Monongahela, and the late Anthony Fiumelli. He graduated from the former Mon Valley Catholic High School in 1964 and went on to graduate with a bachelor of science degree in psychology from California University of Pennsylvania and with his master's degree in public administration from the University of Pittsburgh. After college, Mr. Fiumelli began working at the Mon Valley Health Center as the director of Alcohol and Drug Addiction. He also worked as the executive director of the Mon Valley ProgressiCouncil and the Washington County Health Center, and he taught as a professor at Waynesburg University. Mr. Fiumelli was currently employed as the executive director for the Pennsylvania Forum for Primary Health Care in Harrisburg. In addition to his mother, he is survived by two brothers, Ralph Guzzo, of Monongahela, and Jerry Guzzo and wife, Kathy, of Canonsburg; nephew, Christin Guzzo and his extended family, Lee and Francine Mizwa, Robert and Kathy Sion, Steven and Beth Sion, Ann Marie Sion, Jack and Stephanie Woods, and Ryan and Nolan Sion. Preceding him in death was his step-father, Ralph Guzzo; and one nephew, Ralph Guzzo Jr. Friends will be received at the MARSHALL MARRA FUNERAL HOME, 216 Chess St., Monongahela (724-258-6767), from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, February 18. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Anthony Catholic Church on Tuesday, February 19, at 10 a.m. with Fr. Joseph Feltz as celebrant. Interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to: Dorothy P. and Richard Simmons Center for Interstitial Lung Disease, Medical Arts Building, Suite 400, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Roland R. Hall
Brownsville

Roland R. Hall, 85, of Brownsville, was called home to glory on Friday, February 15, 2008, in Monongahela Valley Hospital. He was born April 6, 1922, in Coal Center, a son of the late Robert and Ella Craven Hall. Roland was a member, Elder, and Trustee of the Coal Center Presbyterian Church. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the United States Army 83rd Division Company K 329th Infantry Regiment. He earned a Bronze Star during the Normandy Campaign, and he was a member of the California American Legion Post No. 377. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two brothers, Raymond and Robert Hall. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Loretta Ann Giannetti Hall; two children, Bruce Allen Hall, of Brownsville, and Patricia Marie Hall Mobberly and husband, Mark, of North Olmsted, Ohio; one sister, Garnet Barli, of Coal Center; and several nieces and nephews. Friends will be received in the SKIRPAN FUNERAL HOME, 135 Park St., Brownsville, on Monday, February 18, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m., and Tuesday, February 19, where a funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. with Dr. Harry Langley officiating. Interment will follow in LaFayette Memorial Park, Brier Hill, where Full Military Rites will be accorded by California American Legion Post No. 377.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

August Necciai
Forward Township

August "Gus" Necciai, 86, of Monongahela (Forward Township), died Sunday, February 17, 2008, in the Victoria House, Monessen. Born May 21, 1921, in Gallatin, he was the son of the late Guy Sr. and Laura Williot Necciai. In 1946 Gus began working as a school bus driver and later became supervisor of maintenance for the Elizabeth Forward School District, from which he retired. Stationed in France, he served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. Survivors include one brother, Joseph A. Necciai Sr. and wife, Gusti, of Monongahela; three sisters-in-law, Iris Necciai, of Forward Township, and Nancy Necciai and Shirley Necciai, both of Monongahela; and one brother-in-law, John "Hap" Tarabrella, of Monongahela (River Hill). Preceding him in death were five brothers, Julius "Gig", Theodore "Fif", Anthony "Nibs", Andrew, and Guy "Ginge" Necciai; and two sisters, Armedia Tarabrella and Gloria Piskor. Friends will be received at the MARSHALL MARRA FUNERAL HOME, 216 Chess St., Monongahela (724-258-6767), from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, February 19. At the request of the family, private interment will be held in Monongahela Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Helen E. Patronas
Monessen

Private funeral services were held for Helen E. Patronas, 83, of Monessen, who passed away Thursday, Friday 14, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital. Miss Patronas was born October 29, 1924, in McKeesport, a daughter of the late Gust and Bertha Patronas. She was a graduate of Monessen High School and Duffs Business College. She had been a supervisor with Prudential Insurance Company prior to her retirement. Miss Patronas was a member of St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church of Monessen. She is survived by a brother, Stephen G. Patronas, and a niece, Carole Furtney, both of Monessen; a great-nephew, Brian C. Furtney, of Los Angeles, Calif.; and a nephew, Pat Patronas, and a great-nephew, Patrick Patronas, both of Uniontown. Helen was preceded in death by an infant sister, Dorothy Patronas. Arrangements were entrusted to the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., a Golden Rule Funeral Home, 1209 Grand Blvd., Monessen.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Russell E. Robertson Sr.
Fallowfield Township

Russell E. Robertson Sr., 90, of Fallowfield Township, died Saturday, February 16, 2008, in Country Care Manor, Fayette City. He was born March 13, 1917, in Greensburg, a son of the late Oliver and Margaret Duncan Robertson. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Coal Center, the Fallowfield Township Grange and Charleroi Lodge No. 615, F&AM. Mr. Robertson was retired from General Motors, Fisher Body Plant in West Mifflin. Surviving is his wife, Isabel Diamond Robertson; one son, Russell E. Robertson Jr. and wife, Delores, of Charleroi; two daughters, Roberta Miller and husband, Ronald, of Fallowfield Township, and Judy Rafferty-Miller and husband, Ernest, of Brownsville; one brother, Mervin Robertson, of Richeyville; one sister, Eunice Harrold, of Darragh; seven grandchildren, John Rafferty, Richard Rafferty Jr., Dianna Rafferty, Melissa Miller, Ronald Miller Jr., Casey Clark and Carrie Mashuda; and nine great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, George, Kenny, Samuel and Clinton Robertson; and two sisters, Clarabelle Wells and Davitta Pavsek. Friends will be received Tuesday, February 19, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES INC., (www.schrock-hogan.com), 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, where funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 20, at 11 a.m. Officiating will be Dr. John K. Smith. Interment will be in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora. The family has requested memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Alliance of Western Pennsylvania.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mary V. Polinchak
California, Pa.

Mary V. Polinchak, 94, of California, Pa., formerly of Charleroi, died Saturday, February 16, 2008, in Jefferson Regional Medical Center. She was born in Greensburg on September 21, 1913, the daughter of the late Luigi and Amelia "Annie" Rich Romasco. Prior to living in California, Mrs. Polinchak was a resident of Monessen and Charleroi, and a member of Mary, Mother of the Church in Charleroi. She is survived by three sons, Paul Capozza, of Belle Vernon, Lewis Capozza, of Dunlevy, and Robert Suomela and wife, Mary, of Monessen; two daughters, Joan Langley, of Carlisle, and Amelia Bolias and husband, Nick, of Monessen; seven sisters, Minnie Bonie, of Pittsburgh, Virginia Delegge, of Monessen, Anita Friedl, of Moon Township, and Pearl Kirk, Louise Marsilio, Eleanor McClellan and Evelyn Genrone, all of Coraopolis; 15 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Steve Polinchak; one sister, Rose Skopinski; and two brothers, Louis and Gerald Romasco. Friends will be received Tuesday, February 19, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC. and CREMATION SERVICES, 441 Reed Ave., Monessen (724-684-8750). Services will be held on Wednesday February 20, beginning with a 9:45 a.m. prayer service in the funeral home, followed by a 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass in Mary, Mother of the Church, Charleroi. Entombment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora. Condolences accepted for the family at www.dalfonso-billick.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Jonathan M. Murt

The family of Jonathan Murt would like to extend its sincerest thanks
And deepest appreciation,
To everyone who helped us during the dark hours of our tragic loss.
Our son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin and God-son
Was our pride and joy.

We extend special thanks to Father Lawrence Manchas,
Reverend and Mrs. George Alberts of Danbury, Connecticut,
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Massafra of Massafra-Macik Funeral Home,
The young men, his friends, who served as pallbearers,
Those who offered Masses,
Who sent floral tributes and food
And who assisted us at our homes.
Those whose silent, comforting presence,
And the hundreds who came to pay their respects,
All helped to carry the burden of our grief.

The Murt, Malinchak and Danek Families

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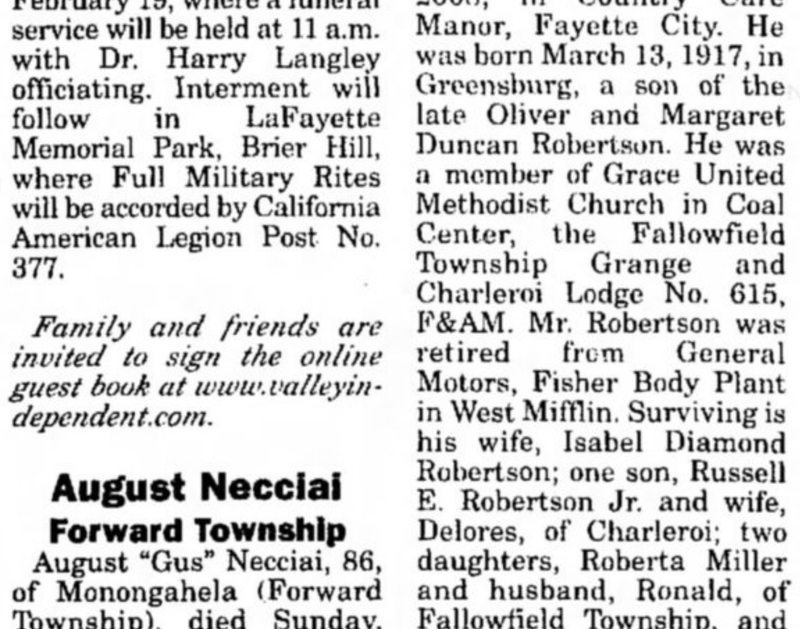

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NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

FEBRUARY 18

Today is Monday, Feb. 18, the 49th day of 2008. There are 317 days left in the year. This is Presidents Day.

Today's Highlight:

On Feb. 18, 1885, Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published in the U.S. for the first time.

On this date:

■ In 1546, Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died in Eisleben.

■ In 1564, artist Michelangelo died in Rome.

■ In 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn in as the provisional president of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Ala.

■ In 1930, photographic evidence of Pluto (now designated a "dwarf planet") was discovered by Clyde W. Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz.

■ In 1960, the eighth Winter Olympic Games were formally opened in Squaw Valley, Calif., by Vice President Nixon.

■ In 1967, American theoretical physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer died in Princeton, N.J., at age 62.

■ In 1970, the "Chicago Seven" defendants were found innocent of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention; five were convicted of violating the Anti-Riot Act of 1968. (Those convictions were later reversed).

■ In 1977, the space shuttle Enterprise, sitting atop a Boeing 747, went on its maiden "flight" above the Mojave Desert.

■ In 1988, Anthony M. Kennedy was sworn in as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

■ In 2001, auto racing star Dale Earnhardt Sr. died from injuries suffered in a crash at the Daytona 500; he was 49.

■ **Ten years ago:** President Clinton's foreign policy team encountered jeers during a town meeting at The Ohio State University while trying to defend the administration's threat to bomb Iraq into compliance with U.N. weapons edicts. Sportscaster Harry Caray died in Rancho Mirage, Calif., at age 83.

■ **Five years ago:** Declaring that America's security should not be dictated by protesters, President Bush said he would not be swayed from compelling Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to disarm. An arson attack on two South Korean subway trains in the city of Daegu claimed 198 lives. (The arsonist was sentenced to life in prison.) Country singer Johnny PayCheck died in Nashville, Tenn., at age 64.

■ **One year ago:** A pair of bombs on a train headed from India to Pakistan killed 68 people. Twin car bombs blew up in a mostly Shiite area of Baghdad, killed at least 62 people. A military helicopter crashed in southeastern Afghanistan, killing eight U.S. service members; 14 survived with injuries. Kevin Harvick nosed out Mark Martin in a frantic wreck-filled finish to win the Daytona 500. The West routed the East, 153-132 in the NBA All-Star game.

Associated Press

American soldiers patrol central Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday, a year after the U.S. President ordered a surge in troops to battle the raging violence in the capital.

Officials hope security will last well into 2008

Iraqi miliary said security gains will allow concrete walls to be removed.

By PATRICK QUINN
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD — Iraqi military officials expressed hope Sunday that security gains from a yearlong crackdown against extremists will allow the removal of thousands of concrete barriers in six months that protect Baghdad residents from bomb attacks.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki spent the weekend touting the successes of the security operation that began one year ago and peaked last summer with the influx of thousands of U.S. troops. The operation helped restore some security to a country that in January 2007 was on the brink of civil war.

The U.S. military said Sunday that insurgent attacks had declined by 60 percent over the past year, but cautioned the war was not yet won.

"They are reminders that although the enemies of the people of Iraq are weakened, they can still recruit and conduct spectacular attacks," said Rear Adm. Gregory Smith, a U.S. spokesman in Baghdad.

Brig. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi, the chief Iraqi military spokesman for Baghdad, said the government hoped within six months to reopen the Imams bridge, which spans the Tigris river and links a major Sunni neighborhood with a large Shiite district. The Imams was sealed and barricaded after nearly 1,000 Shiites, fleeing what they thought was a Sunni suicide bomber, died in a stampede on the bridge in 2005.

Al-Moussawi added that the government also would lift "all concrete walls from Baghdad streets," a promise that will be much harder to keep. The so-called Green Zone that houses the Iraqi government, parliament, and many of its officials is surrounded by thousands of concrete "blast walls" that enclose a huge portion of central Baghdad.

Several concrete walls and barriers also have been erected to dampen sectarian violence by separating or dividing Sunni and Shiite neighborhoods. There has never been a count of the barriers, but they are thought to number in the tens of thousands.

On Saturday, during a walking tour of Mansour — a predominantly Sunni neighborhood abutting the Green Zone — al-Maliki pledged that "we will break the concrete walls among Baghdad's neighborhoods this year, which we had put up temporarily."

Parts of Mansour, located in central Baghdad, were a stronghold of al-Qaida in Iraq for much of the time following the U.S. invasion in 2003. It was cleaned up during the operation.

Al-Maliki has sought to benefit from the success of the yearlong crackdown against al-Qaida in Iraq and rogue elements of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army. Besides the inflow of U.S. forces, much of that success also was due to a U.S. program that effectively hired many Sunni tribesmen and neighborhood fighters who once fought for al-Qaida, and a cease-fire declared by al-Sadr last August.

On Sunday, a female suicide bomber struck a Shiite neighborhood, detonating after soldiers fired three bullets at her.

Kosovo pushes for world's recognition

Country awaits support for its independence from Serbia.

PRISTINA, Kosovo (AP) — Kosovo's leaders sent letters 192 countries today seeking formal recognition of independence, and suspense gripped the province as its citizens awaited key backing from the U.S. and key European powers.

A day after Kosovo's ethnic Albanian leadership made its historic declaration of independence from Serbia, tensions soared in the north, home to most of the territory's minority Serbs. An explosion damaged a U.N. vehicle outside the ethnically divided town of Kosovska Mitrovica, and Serbs planned demonstrations there and in an enclave outside Pristina.

President Fatmir Sejdiu played down the fears of renewed unrest, saying the government needed to set about the business of building a democratic country.

"It will be a big day today because we have lots of things that we need to start and finish," Sejdiu said today. "We need continuous work and commitment, and we are fully dedicated to fulfilling the promises to better our state."

Sunday's declaration was carefully orchestrated with the U.S. and key European powers, and Kosovo was counting on international recognition expected to come during Monday's meeting of EU foreign ministers in Brussels, Belgium.

Slovenia Foreign Minister Dimitri Rupel, whose country holds the EU presidency, told reporters in Brussels he expected many European countries to recognize Kosovo.

On Sunday, Kosovo's lawmakers achieved what a bloody 1998-99 separatist war with Serbian forces could not: They pronounced the disputed province the Republic of Kosovo, and pledged to make it a "democratic, multiethnic state."

DEATH NOTICES

Edward Senko

Donora

Edward Senko, 81, of Donora, died Friday, February 15, 2008, in Havencrest Nursing Center. He was born in Donora on June 15, 1926, a son of the late Stephen and Theresa Lewisky Senko. He was retired from USX Corp., having worked in the U.S. Steel Building in Pittsburgh as an inside salesman. Mr. Senko was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, a graduate of Donora High School, a member of St. Michael the Archangel Byzantine Catholic Church in Donora, Bishop Elko Council No. 1941 Knights of Columbus, BPOE Lodge No. 1265 of Donora, and the Senior Golf League. He was preceded in death by one son, Larry J. Senko; and two brothers, Michael and Nicholas Zavinsky. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Margaret A. Moravec Senko; one son, Edward S. Senko, of Mt. Pleasant; three grandsons, Stephen L., Ryan M. and Tyler J. Senko; one brother, John (Patricia) Senko, of Fayette City; and nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Monday, February 18, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the JAMES A. RABE FUNERAL HOME INC., 701 Thompson Ave., Donora (724-379-9020), where prayers will be said Tuesday, February 19, at 9:30 a.m., followed by funeral services at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church with the Rev. Stephen J. Wahal as celebrant. Interment will follow in St Michael's Cemetery, Donora. On Monday, a Parastas Service will be held at 2:30 p.m., followed by the Rosary at 3 p.m., and the Knights of Columbus Council 1941 will hold services at 7 p.m. Family and friends may view the obituary and offer on-line condolences at www.rabefuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

POLICE LOG

State police, Belle Vernon

■ Someone stole a stainless steel chain from the parking lot of King of the Hill Restaurant in Fallowfield Township, sometime Sunday, police said.

■ Joshua T. Gillingham, 25, of Finleyville, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and forgery, for allegedly forging a prescription to obtain Roxicodone from the Rite Aid in Redstone Township, sometime between 3:50 and 7:50 p.m. Saturday, police reported.

■ Willie Millikan, of Export, reported to police that someone stole 150 gallons of fuel from his truck while it was parked in the parking lot of the Smithton Truck Stop, sometime from 8 a.m. Saturday to 7:10 a.m. Sunday.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

'Cash 5' jackpot at least $225,000

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $225,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Sunday's game.

Lottery officials said 43 players matched four numbers and won $378 each; 1,956 players matched three numbers and won $14 each; and 27,766 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

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The Valley Independent LOTTERY RESULTS

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

DAY PICK 3:	8-5-2
NIGHT PICK 3:	0-7-4
DAY PICK BIG 4:	9-8-0-9
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	2-5-6-5
TREASURE HUNT:	1-4-7-23-29
CASH 5:	2-5-17-19-24
POWERBALL:	3-4-8-20-49
Powerball:	18 Powerplay: 3

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

DAY/NIGHT PICK 3:	6-3-9 2-9-5
DAY PICK BIG 4:	6-7-4-8
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	9-6-0-4
TREASURE HUNT:	4-9-11-13-26
CASH 5:	7-26-28-34-41

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

DAY PICK 3:	1-8-0
NIGHT PICK 3:	3-8-8
DAY PICK 4:	6-8-8-3
NIGHT PICK 4:	3-6-0-3
ROLLING CASH 5:	2-6-12-31-39

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

DAILY 3:	9-7-7
DAILY 4:	0-1-0-2
HOT LOTTO:	2-10-15-19-39 HB: 15

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OUR OPINION

Grant will make BVA students safer

THE PROCESS WAS UNUSUAL, but the end result was a major boost for a local school district.

It was recently announced that the Belle Vernon Area School District had received a $400,000 state grant.

The Department of Community and Economic Development grant will be used to install a new camera system at Bellmar Middle School.

In addition, a magnetic door locking system and intercoms will be installed at Bellmar Middle and Marion Elementary schools, and metal detectors will be installed at Marion.

What's unique about the grant is how it came to be.

North Belle Vernon Mayor Ed Lyons got the ball rolling last year when he began looking for money to make up for an anticipated loss of revenue related to the state's slots legislation.

North Belle Vernon is one of five communities that comprise the school district.

After Lyons found out that his own community could not be helped directly, he began focusing on the school district.

Lyons turned to state Rep. R. Ted Harhai, D-Monessen, and worked with BVA Superintendent Robert Nagy and business manager Eileen Navish to apply for the grant.

Although Harhai put in an initial appropriation for $1 million, the district was happy to settle for $400,000.

Receipt of this grant is a positive for a couple of reasons, not the least of which is the team effort among community leaders and school district officials that brought a successful result.

More importantly, two school buildings will be made safer because of the grant.

And keeping our students safe and secure while they're in school is of utmost importance.

ANOTHER VIEW

Philadelphia Inquirer on residency requirements:

Boy, that was easy.

For more than 50 years, the only way to join the Philadelphia Police Department was to live in the city for at least a year before applying for the job.

Just imagine if Microsoft made all of its potential hires live in Seattle for a year before applying. Sort of limits the ability to attract the best and brightest.

Throw in the need to have a high school diploma, and pass a drug test, medical exam, psychological evaluation and background investigation. All of a sudden the talent pool for Philly cops willing to risk their lives for $38k a year gets pretty shallow.

In fact, the Police Department had trouble filling recent recruit classes.

But the Civil Service Commission, with the support of Mayor Nutter, just waived the residency requirement. Overnight, the move enables the Police Department to recruit nationwide. Or at the very least, go to the suburbs, surrounding states and military bases in search of a few good men and women.

Those who get hired still have to move into the city. But now at least the Police Department can compete for talent just like every other major cop shop in the country, except Boston. Increasing the competition for the job will go a long way to improving the department's ability to fight crime.

The residency requirement was a relic from a half-century ago. Several past police commissioners had complained about the rule for years. But former Mayor John F. Street vetoed legislation in 2001 that would have done away with the residency rule.

The Civil Service Commission and Nutter fixed that with the policy change. The next step is to make the move permanent.

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Holy pundit

Charley **REESE**

Let me remind you that we have to put up with presidential candidates until Nov. 4, and the snow of February hasn't even begun to melt. We also have to put up with pundits. I suggest we ration our exposure to both to avoid terminal boredom.

It's true that yours truly can be classified as a pundit. I, however, along with my print brethren, am lucky. I only have to practice punditry three times a week at about 650 words a pop. That limits the opportunity to make a fool out of myself.

Actually, I loved the days when I was just a reporter. All I had to do was collect the facts and state them in simple, declarative sentences. Candidate Puffy received so many votes; candidate Huffy received this many. Puffy said this in his victory statement. Huffy said this in his concession speech. Then I was through and could go get a drink. I didn't have to analyze, comment on or speculate about the election, its outcome or its possible consequences.

The cable-television pundits have a much worse job. They are given an hour — sometimes several hours, as on election nights — and they have to yap the whole time until the clock mercifully frees them from the necessity of knocking the enamel off their teeth.

Since the average person talks about 120 words a minute (Chris Matthews is probably closer to 240), it doesn't take long to speak when the facts are few. Trouble is, the pundits run out of facts before they run out of time, and they have to keep yapping. I'm afraid I've already filled my quota of listening to yaps, so until the Little League World Series begins (some of the best entertainment on television), I'll just give the tube a rest.

One of these days, we may elect some people intelligent enough to shorten the campaign process. Eight weeks of campaigning from start to finish should be enough. If people knew in advance that it would be a short campaign, they'd pay attention. As it is, we certainly have the longest political campaigns of any country on the face of the Earth.

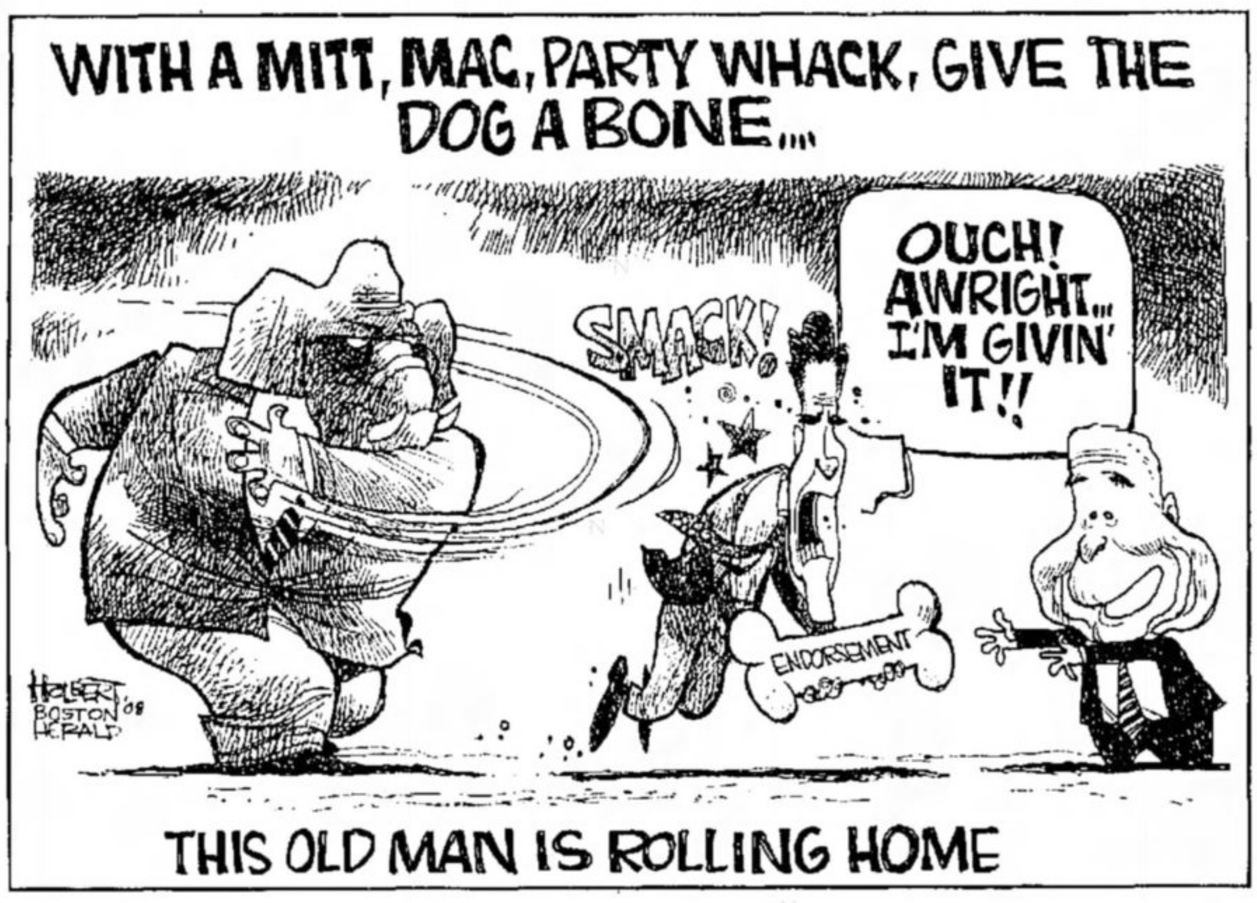
If these long campaigns gave us detailed information about the candidates, their philosophies and their proposals, they might be worth it, but of course they don't. The campaigns are as repetitious as the pundits. So-called debates are a farce. They are more like a quiz show, and the moderators have the power to give the airtime to their own favorite candidates. Most of the speeches are without substance.

A favorite technique of political speeches these days is to list problems in the form of promised solutions. For example, "We are going to make health care affordable; we are going to repair our public education system; we will end the war, balance the budget, cut taxes, cure cancer, repair our infrastructure, preserve the environment and stop global warming." Exactly how these miracles are to be accomplished is never mentioned.

It would also be a good idea to ban paid advertising. Since both public radio and public television are allegedly publicly owned assets, they should be required to give every candidate an equal amount of time. Speechwriters and campaign managers should also be banned. If a candidate can't write his own speeches and manage his own campaign, what good is he? These professional manipulators, along with pollsters, are a relatively recent addition to our political process.

All candidates should sign a contract making specific promises to do certain things (their choice) and to resign immediately if they break any of those promises.

Old "read my lips, no new taxes" Bush the elder broke that promise. He didn't resign, but the people resigned him at the next election, and we got stuck with Bill Clinton.


WITH A MITT, MAC, PARTY WHACK, GIVE THE DOG A BONE...
SMACK!
OUCH! AWRIGHT... I'M GIVIN' IT!!
ENDORSEMENT
HERBERT BOSTON HERALD '08
THIS OLD MAN IS ROLLING HOME

AG of cover-ups

Nat **HENTOFF**

I have read and reread the entire transcript of the Jan. 30 Senate Judiciary Committee Oversight hearing of the Justice Department at which Attorney General Michael Mukasey testified. He clearly lacks the degree of independence essential to regain the credibility of that agency. He also has an insufficiently deep commitment to the rule of law to be our nation's chief enforcement officer.

Mukasey's continued refusal to say whether waterboarding is torture or conduct a criminal investigation of its use by the CIA is ludicrous in the face of the newly published, heavily documented 849-page "Torture and Democracy" (Princeton University Press, 2007) by Professor Darius Rejali. In this history, including the present practices of torture, written by an internationally recognized expert on the subject, the definition, Mr. Attorney General, is plain:

"Waterboarding is forced drowning, interrupted, for the prisoner will die if the flow of water is not cut off in time." And yet, on Jan. 6, the Associated Press reported the White House said waterboarding is legal.

Prove it, Mukasey.

Largely overlooked in the press coverage of Mukasey's evasiveness — much more sophisticated than Alberto Gonzales' — were his answers concerning Steven G. Bradbury, the longtime acting head of the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel, which is charged with monitoring the legality of the department's actions — or inactions.

The president keeps unsuccessfully and insistently renominating Bradbury to that crucial post because Democrats on the committee are acutely aware that after the Justice Department in 2004 declared that torture is "abhorrent," Bradbury the next year issued classified memorandums giving Justice Department endorsement of such "harsh" techniques (as they are euphemistically termed) as extended exposure to cold and other practices condemned by the Geneva Conventions and our own Supreme Court.

Included in the Bradbury permissions was waterboarding — or, as the squeamish put it, "simulated drowning." Also, Bradbury authorized these extra-coercive interrogation techniques to be used in combination, making them the cruelest techniques in CIA history.

On Jan. 25, as reported by Legal Times (Jan. 28), Mukasey said; "Steve Bradbury is one of the finest lawyers I've ever met, and I've met a lot of very good ones. I enjoy working with him, and I want to continue working with him."

In his testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Mukasey did not change his panegyric about Bradbury — not even after Sen. Dick Durbin told him what former Deputy Attorney General James Comey has said about the 2005 Bradbury memorandums giving the CIA and other interrogators in the field the authority to commit what are actually crimes under our own laws and the International Covenant Against Torture.

What Comey said about the Bradbury memorandums was that if those official classified opinions became public, the Justice Department would be ashamed! By now, their contents have appeared in the press, but the attorney general of the United States shows no signs of being ashamed.

Under prodding by Durbin, Mukasey says that he will review those Bradbury opinions. Will his conclusions be classified, or will he let us know whether he still believes Bradbury brings credit to the Justice Department? But watch out. This crafty attorney general has already indicated what he might do if those opinions shock his conscience. He told Durbin:

"I think, though, that those opinions would be considered principally in light of whether they relate to things that are current. They're not, but I will review them." So, we have to trust the Bush administration, including the attorney general, if they say waterboarding, for instance, is no longer current and not relevant anymore — and keep renominating Bradley.

Do you have that trust?

In any case, should the attorney general decide that the by-now-notorious Bradbury memorandums relate only to what has been in the past, he has already strongly indicated that what abuses our interrogators have practiced in the field in the belief that they were lawful — and authorized by their superiors — should not be punished. That could include waterboarding,

At the start of the Jan. 30 hearings, Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy spoke of "the damage done over the pasts seven years to our constitutional democracy and our civil liberties ... and among the most damaging aspects of those years has been the complicity of the Justice Department, which has provided cover for the worst of those practices (including) its secret legal memoranda that sought to define torture down to meaninglessness."

Hearing and watching Mukasey that day — and now reading the transcript — I believe that this man in charge of the Justice Department, our chief law enforcement officer, is continuing the cover-up.

Leahy added that the president and his administration ... "decided that ... they can unilaterally decide what parts of what laws they are going to follow." They haven't changed their contempt of the Constitution's separation of powers. Mukasey fits right into that team.

Stockdale turns back the clock

The clock turned back more than a half century in Stockdale on Saturday night, when that community's firefighters sponsored a record hop at the fire hall.

It was 51 years ago that the town's firefighters sponsored the first such event - the first in a series of weekly gatherings that regularly attracted more than 1,000 local teenagers.

Many of those teenagers returned Saturday night - some of them from far away places - to relive those memories.

With 1,066 on hand, there were more people at the dance than live in Stockdale, which has a population of about 660.

The proceeds will be used to help the Stockdale fire department buy a much-needed new truck.

(See story on Page 1A for details.)

Photos by Jim Ference

Reliving the days of their youth, these children of the 50s fill the dance floor at the Stockdale Fire Hall Saturday night.

Charleroi natives Kathy Rossi Encapera, of Virginia, left, and her brother, Butch Rossi, of North Carolina, right, get together with Cynthia Kinder, a long-time friend from Dunlevy.

Linda and Ken Wiltz, of Charleroi, do their thing on the dance floor. He's executive director of the Mon Valley YMCA and president of the Charleroi Area School Board.

North Carolina residents Terry and Patty Hancock display their letter jackets from Charleroi High School.

Darlene and Michael McNulty traveled from Iowa to relive their first date, which took place at one of the Stockdales record hops.

Roscoe resident Barb O'Savage made sure she didn't miss the opportunity to revisit the past with friends she first met decades ago.

Doc Gialames, center of the fire department, directs North Chalerol residents Doreen and Gary DeUnger to their table.

Jim "JD the DJ" Dudas kept the platters spinning throughout the night, just as he and fellow DJs Ron Paglia and John Barbero did years ago.

TV & ENTERTAINMENT

Romantic feelings cloud best friends' relationship

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: I'm an 18-year-old girl. Romantic relationships have never meant much to me. It's fun to have someone to go to art galleries and coffee shops with, and to make out with in my car, but I don't have a need to tie myself down. I have had a lot of nice "flings" during high school, but it was high school, and it's time to move on.

My best friend of 11 years, "Mick," happens to be a boy. We decided in middle school that our relationship would be strictly platonic. Last night, Mick kissed me and told me he is in love with me. I don't feel the same. I'm not physically attracted to him. I tried to be nice and told Mick it would ruin our friendship, but he disagrees.

With any other guy, rejection is easy. But this is my best friend. Mick has low self-esteem when it comes to girls. If I say I'm not attracted to him, it'll hurt his feelings.

I feel stuck and angry. I told Mick the truth about how I felt a long time ago. Do I have to be mean to get my point across? Here's how I honestly feel: I love hanging out with him, but I find him repulsive-looking, and if he kisses me again he's getting slapped. I've never been mad at him before. Can you please help me? — **"ASHLEY" IN CLEVELAND**

DEAR "ASHLEY": According to the letters I have received from men, most would prefer to be told the truth rather than be left hoping and dangling. You and Mick have different objectives. He wants romance; you want only friendship. It's time for you both to widen your circle of friends.

It isn't necessary to tell Mick that he's "repulsive" or that the next time he makes a move on you, you'll deck him. However, the sooner you tell him plainly that you consider him your best friend — but nothing more — and the "chemistry" isn't there for you, the better off you'll both be. Believe me, it's a lot kinder than stringing him along for company.

DEAR ABBY: Please let me know the appropriate way to inform my family and friends that my wedding has been canceled. How many details do I have to provide? What if my fiance, who is a publicist, has posted a lengthy and one-sided account of what has happened? — **FORMER BRIDE-TO-BE**

DEAR FORMER BRIDE-TO-BE: You do not have to provide any painful details to anyone. Write a short note to your family and friends. All you need to say is "Dear ( ), This is to inform you that 'John's' and my wedding has been canceled. Condolences are not in order — it was by mutual consent. Love, ( )"

If your former fiance has actually had the bad taste to post an account of why the wedding is off, I cannot stress emphatically enough that he's no gentleman, and you're lucky to be rid of him. Do not sink to his level.

DEAR ABBY: There seems to be an awful lot of women exposing themselves on the Internet in graphic sexual fashion. My wife says that men degrade themselves by looking at them.

My question to you is, what is more degrading? Looking at them, or women exposing themselves? — **WONDERING IN PUYALLUP, WASH.**

DEAR WONDERING: For a woman to post graphic sexual images for people she doesn't know to view strikes me as more degrading because it indicates that she thinks she has little else to offer.

However, for a married man to view those images could also be considered degrading — and threatening — to his wife. Many women have written to me because their husbands spend more time looking at porn on the Internet than having a sex life in their own bedroom. In other words, the practice became an addiction.

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MONDAY EVENING — FEB. 18, 2008

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS 2 KDKA 7 WTRF 10 WTAJ	2 7 News (N)/ 10 WTAJ News at 6 (N)	7 10 CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	2 CBS Evening News-Couric/ 7 Entertainment/ 10 Inside	2 The Insider (N)/ 7 Inside Edition/ 10 Two and a Half Men	How I Met Your Mother "Dowisetrepla" Buying an apartment.	Welcome to the Captain "The Letter" Josh plans dinner. (N)	Two and a Half Men Embarrassed girlfriend.	The New Adventures of Old Christine "Popular" Meanie mom. (N)	CSI: Miami "Deep Freeze" The lab loses body.		2 7 News (N)/ 10 WTAJ News at 11 (N)	Late Show With David Letterman Dennis Quaid; the Daytona 500 winner. (N)		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Wyclef Jean. (N)		2 Extra/ 7 The Insider/ 10 Everybody Loves Raymond Debra tells secrets.	2 10 Paid/ 7 That '70s Show Eric finds a full keg of beer.	2 Paid/ 7 10 CBS Up to the Minute (N)
ABC 4 WTAE 23 WATM	4 News (N)/ 23 The Insider (N)	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	4 Inside Edition/ 23 Jeopardy! (N)	4 Entertainment Tonight/ 23 Wheel of Fortune	Dance War: Bruno vs. Carrie Ann The teams face off one final time; the winning team is revealed. (Season Finale) (N)				October Road "Hat? No Hat?" While promoting his book, Nick learns he is broke. (N)		4 Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ 23 News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live		4 Oprah Winfrey/ 23 Paid	23 Paid	4 Paid/ 23 Jerry Springer (N)	4 Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC 6 WJAC 9 WTOV 11 WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	6 Entertainment Tonight (N)/ 9 11 Jeopardy! "Teen Tournament" (N)	6 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N)/ 9 11 Wheel of Fortune (N)	Deal or No Deal The board contains 13 million-dollar cases. (N)		My Dad Is Better Than Your Dad (Series Premiere) (N)		Medium "Do You Hear What I Hear" Joe helps Allison and Cynthia when a wealthy, young deaf girl is kidnapped. (N)		News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)		Late Night With Conan O'Brien (N)		Last Call With Carson Daly	Poker After Dark Doyle Brunson; Chris Ferguson; Chau Giang; Andy Bloch; Hoyt Corkins; Gabe Kaplan. (N)	
FOX 8 WWCP 53 WPGH	8 The Simpsons/ 53 Two and a Half Men	8 That '70s Show/ 53 Frasier	8 The Simpsons/ 53 Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld Jerry's dad and Kramer are partners.	Prison Break "The Art of the Deal" Michael and Lincoln rush to save LJ and Sofia from Susan. (N)		Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles "Dungeons & Dragons" Sarah tries to explain the past to Charley. (N)		8 News (N)/ 53 Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10	8 Seinfeld "The Fix Up" George dates Elaine's friend.	8 The King of Queens/ 53 Seinfeld	8 Frasier/ 53 Scrubs	8 Cradle of Lies (2006)/ 53 Scrubs "My Occurrence"	53 Paid	53 Paid	53 Paid	8 Paid/ 53 Sex and the City	8 Paid/ 53 Cheaters
13 WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	On Q	Antiques Roadshow "San Antonio, Texas" (N)		American Experience Kit Carson, trapper, scout and soldier of the western frontier. (N)		PBS Previews: Carrier (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		On Q	Black Horizons	Nature "Arctic Bears"		Masterpiece "Pride and Prejudice"	
19 WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Gossip Girl "Bad News Blair"		Pussycat Dolls Present: Girlicious "Let's Get Girlicious"		The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	That '70s Show	King of the Hill	South Park "Preschool"	Paid	Paid	Paid
22 WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Celebrity Exposé (N)		Paradise Hotel 2 (N)		TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
40 WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4		More than Dreams: Dini		Noah's Ark	Life Message	Origins	Quick Study	CBN News	Richard and Lindsay Roberts	Joyce Meyer		Focus 4		In-Crosshairs	Myles Munroe
59 WBGN	Temptation	Temptation	Degrassi	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	Señorita Justice (2004)				Reno 911!	Blind Date	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	CSI: Miami "Internal Affairs"		CSI: Miami "Simple Man"		Intervention "Jacob"		Intervention "Brooke"		Paranormal	Paranormal	The First 48 Graduate shot.		Intervention "Jacob"		Intervention "Brooke"		Paranormal	Paranormal
ABCFAM	8 Rules	8 Rules	Grounded-Life	Grounded-Life	Kyle XY (N)		Wildfire "The Friend" (N)		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Kyle XY		Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
AMC	★ Death Wish 3 (1985)				★★★★ The Godfather (1972) A mafia patriarch tries to hold his empire together.								★½ Death Wish 4: The Crackdown (1987)				★★½ Hard Contract (1969)	
ANPL	Natural World		Natural World		Orangutan Island		Animal Precinct		Animal Precinct		Orangutan Island		Animal Precinct		Animal Precinct		Amazing Animal Videos	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear	
BET	The Parkers	The Parkers	★½ Hair Show (2004) A hairstylist needs her sister's help to win a contest.						★★★ Fresh (1994) A boy tries to escape his violent surroundings.				Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Comicview		BET Now	
BRAVO	Project Runway "On Garde!"		Project Runway		Project Runway		Project Runway		Make Me a Supermodel		Lipstick Jungle		The Millionaire Matchmaker		Inside the Actors Studio		Housewives	Outrageous
CMT	My Truck	Truck	Gone Country		Gone Country	Gone Country	Gone Country	Truck	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Truck	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Cable Guy	CMT Music	
CNBC	Mad Money		Big Mac: Inside McDonald's		Ultimate Fighting		Swoosh! Inside Nike		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Touchdown Patriots Winning		Swoosh! Inside Nike		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Paid	Paid
CNN	The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	Blue Collar Comedy Tour		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	South Park	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	S. Silverman	S. Silverman
COURT	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Ocean Force	Ocean Force	Suburban	Suburban	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	The Investigators		Ocean Force	Ocean Force	Suburban	Suburban	Forensic Files	Forensic Files
CSPAN	Today in Washington				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters "James Bond"		MythBusters "James Bond"		MythBusters		MythBusters Deadly bullets.		MythBusters "James Bond"		MythBusters "James Bond"		MythBusters	
DISNEY	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Minutemen (2008)				That's-Raven	Life Derek	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	Dragon	Buzz Light	Timon
E!	Snoop Father	The Soup	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Kardashians	Kardashians	Kardashians	Kardashians	Girl Next Door	The Soup	E! News	Chelsea	The Daily 10	Girl Next Door	Posh & Becks: THS		E! News	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter		College Basketball Syracuse at Louisville.				College Basketball Texas A&M at Texas.				SportsCenter		NFL Live (N)	Gamenight	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPNC	Schwab	Schwab	American Gladiators		Boxing: Maddalone vs. Minto		Who's Number 1?		In the Books (N)		Bull Riding: PRCA Xtreme		In the Books		Wrestling	Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
ESPN2	NASCAR Now		Women's College Basketball Purdue at Ohio State.				2004 World Series of Poker From Las Vegas.				College Basketball Gonzaga at San Diego.				ESPNU Inside the Polls (N)		NASCAR Now	
EWTN	One-Hearts	Fr. Werenfried	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Letter-Spirit	Holy Rosary	Abundant Life		The World Over		Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Best of Mother Angelica Live	
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live "Sicilian Style" (N)		Good Eats (N)	Secret Life of	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Pens Rewind	Savran on SportsBeat		Panthers	Toughest Cowboy		Best Damn Poker Challenge		SportsBeat	Final Score	Best Damn Poker Challenge		Final Score	Best Damn Poker Challenge		Pens Rewind	Final Score	Final Score
FX	★★★ Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (2004)				★★ The Transporter (2002)					★★ Alien vs. Predator (2004)				'70s Show	'70s Show	Married...	Paid	Paid
GOLF	Play Lessons	Golf Hawaii	WGC Match Play Highlights		Top 10	Golf Central	WGC Match Play Highlights		The Turn (N)	Learning	Lessons	Golf Central	Golf Hawaii	Road Trip	The Turn	Learning	Lessons	Golf Central
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		High Stakes Poker		High Stakes Poker		High Stakes Poker		High Stakes Poker		Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	★★★ The Parent Trap (1961) Twins separated as infants plot to reunite their parents.						★★★ Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (1989)				★★★ Escape to Witch Mountain (1975)				★★★ Return From Witch Mountain (1978)			
HGTV	Offbeat Amer.	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House	Designed-Sell	Color Splash	Hid Potential	Hid Potential	House	Buy Me	House	My First Place	Designed-Sell	Color Splash	Hid Potential	Hid Potential	House	Buy Me
HIST	The Presidents "1849-1865"		The Presidents "1865-1885"		Star Wars Tech Six films.		History of the Joke Essential elements of a perfect joke. (N)				UFO Hunters "Abductions"		Star Wars Tech Six films.		History of the Joke Essential elements of a perfect joke.			
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	Racing for Time (2008)				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Live With Dan Abrams		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw		Countdown-Olbermann		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw	
MTV	America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		Making the Band 4		Making the Band 4 (N)		America's Best Dance Crew		Making the Band 4		Real World-Road Rules		MTV's Most Valuable Players	
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101	Ned's School	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Roseanne	Roseanne
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TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Sex and City	Sex and City	★★½ Trapped (2002)				★½ Twisted (2004)	
TCM	★★★ Raintree County (1957)				★★★★ Gone With the Wind (1939) Civil War rogue Rhett Butler loves Southern belle Scarlett O'Hara.								★★★ Wuthering Heights (1939)				Intermezzo: A Love Story	
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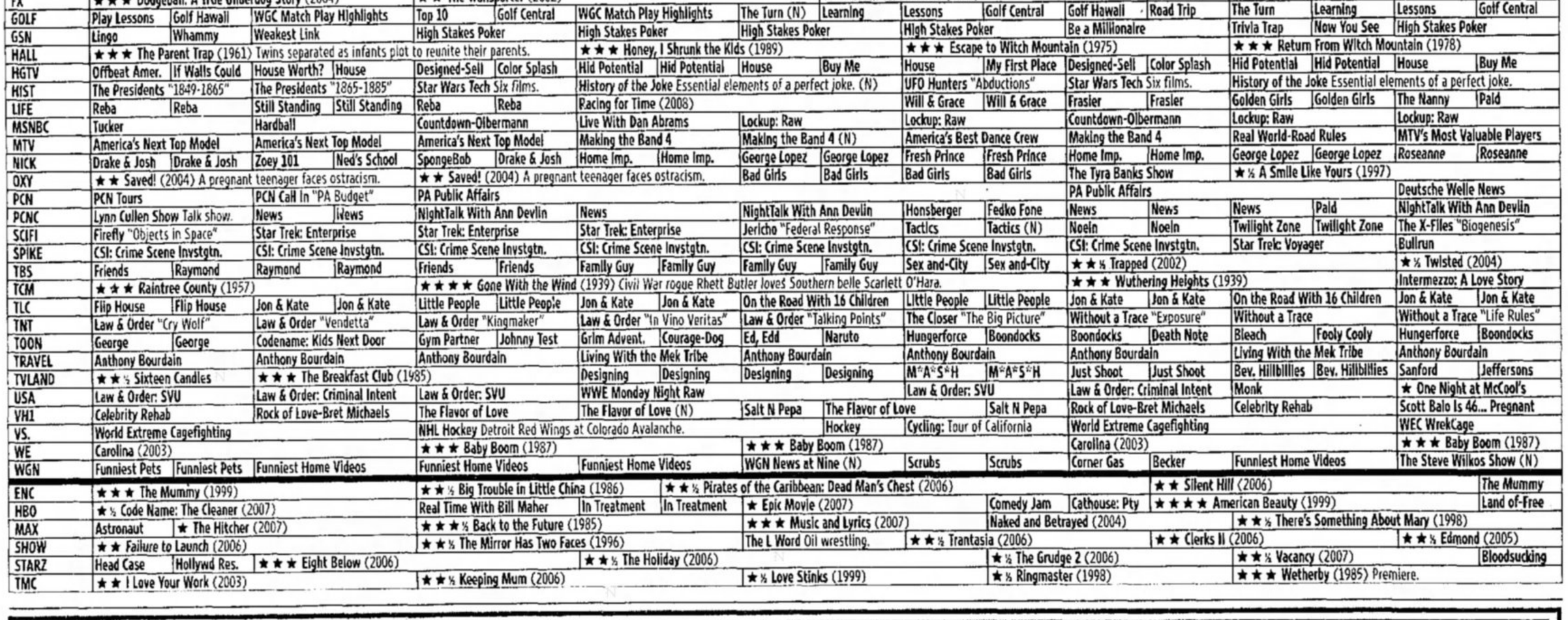
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The Captain in control

Roger Penske won his elusive Daytona 500 as driver Ryan Newman bests a top field of racers.
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King James leads East

The East beat the West, 134-128, as LeBron James walked away with MVP honors.
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UConn tops Pitt

Pitt's women fall to the second-ranked team in the nation, 90-64, on the heels of the Huskies' 18-2 first half run.
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Sports Trivia

Who was the first California University men's basketball player coached by Bill Brown to score 30 or more points in a game? 2B

Last night's scores

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N.Y. Rangers 3, San Jose 1
Dallas 1, Detroit 0
St. Louis 5, Columbus 1
Montreal 5, Philadelphia 3
Anaheim 4, Calgary 2
Minnesota 5, Nashville 4, OT

Giant killers

Bishop Canevin cruises past ice cold Monessen

Greyhounds score just 16 points in the second half during 60-48 WPIAL Class AA playoff loss.

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CARROLL TOWNSHIP - A lot of people will look at Bishop Canevin's 60-48 WPIAL Class AA playoff win over Monessen at Ringgold Saturday as an upset.

After all, the Greyhounds (19-6) were the sixth seed while the Crusaders (15-12) were the 22nd seed in the tournament. Monessen came into the game having won 19 of its last 21 contests.

And, of course, there are the records of the two teams.

However, one person who did not see the win as an upset was Bishop Canevin coach Adam Kaufman.

"We were missing a lot of key players for a good part of the season," Kaufman said. "People look at our record now and don't realize how good we are."

Before beating Monessen, the Crusaders knocked off third seed and defending WPIAL champ Aliquippa.

"Any time you beat a program like Aliquippa and Monessen, you are beating giants. We just beat two of the premier programs in the state and now we get to play another one."

The other 'one' Kaufman spoke of is second-seeded Jeannette, which defeated South Fayette, 64-54, in overtime.

While Kaufman was already looking ahead to the next big test, Monessen coach Joe Salvino was trying to digest what he saw from his team.

The Greyhounds and Crusaders were tied at halftime, 32-32, and Monessen had a three-point lead late in the third quarter when things fell apart.

Tim Tyree's pull-up jumper with 2:38 left in the quarter gave Monessen a 41-38 lead.

However, Bishop Canevin's Brian Billigen scored the final five points of the quarter to give his team a 43-41 lead.

Then Billigen, who had a game-high 21 points, and Zach Young drilled three-pointers at the start of the fourth quarter to make it 49-41. At that point, the Greyhounds went almost exclusively to the perimeter game and their shots did not fall.

"We didn't do the things we needed to do and they out-hustled us," said Salvino. "We kept shooting three-pointers and didn't get any rebounds. Like in the Washington game, we panicked."

The Greyhounds seemed well enough in the first half, hitting 13 of 27 shots from the field. However, in the second half, they made just six of 28 shots and scored 16 points the entire half.

"We didn't shoot well and they got us to the point where they made us play a half-court game and we rushed it," Salvino said.

When Billigen hit two free throws with 4:23 to play, the Crusaders had outscored Monessen 17-3 since Tyree's jumper and had a comfortable 55-44 lead.

"I think the biggest difference in the second half was that they went a little cold and they kept on missing and we kind of took advantage of that," said Kaufman.

"We only had four rebounds in the third quarter and I don't know if we had an offensive rebound the whole second half," Salvino said.

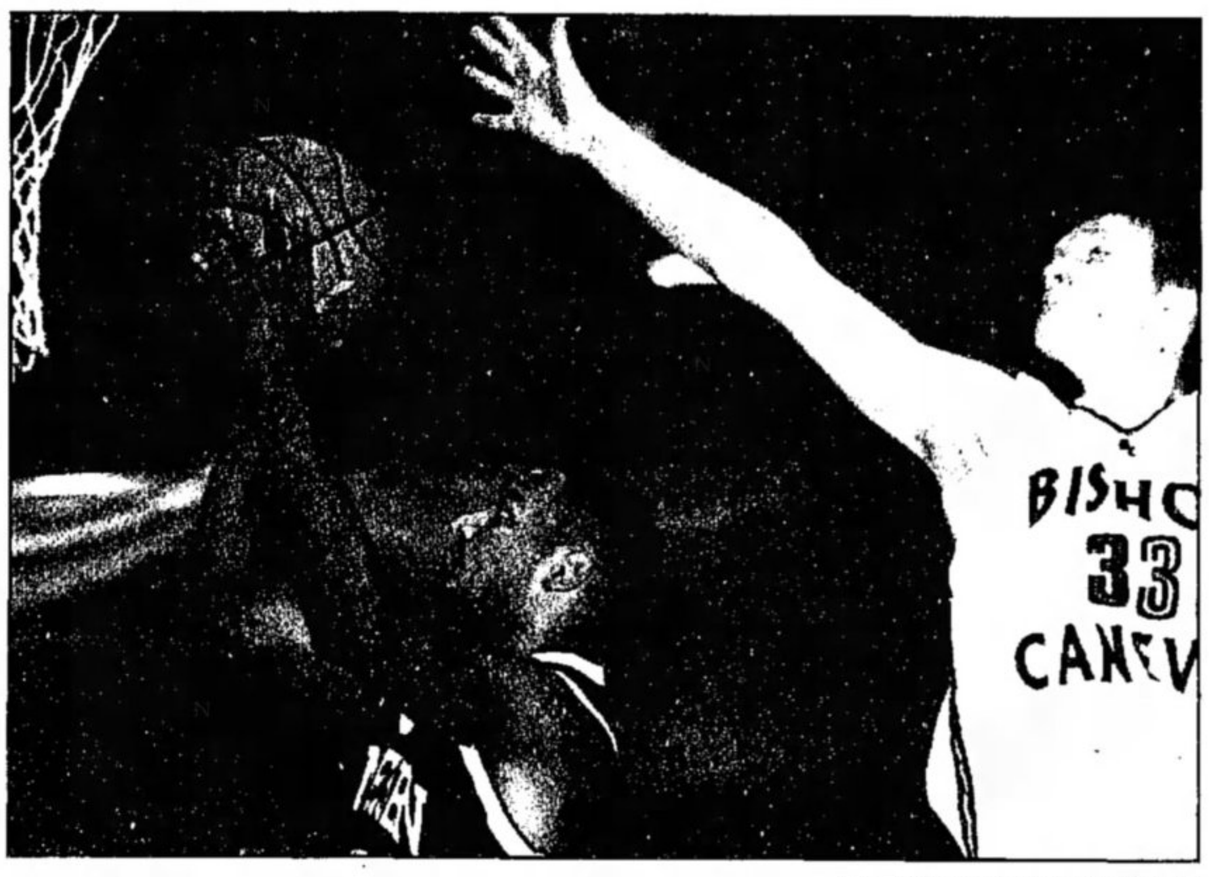
The Crusaders also enjoyed a huge advantage at the free throw line as they attempted 26 free throws to Monessen's six. At one point in the fourth quarter, the free throw advantage was 22-2 in favor of Bishop Canevin.

"That means we weren't aggressive enough to go to the hole or at least try and get the ball inside to draw a foul. They were (aggressive)," said Salvino. "You aren't going to get to the foul line shooting three-pointers."

Monessen now has to look ahead to the PIAA playoffs, which will begin next week.

"Fortunately, we get another chance to play in the state playoffs," Salvino said. "Hopefully we learn from this game when that time comes."

PLAYOFF NOTES: Tyree led Monessen with 15 points and was the only Greyhound to reach double figures ... Evidence of Monessen's cold shooting was never any more obvious in the stats for sophomore guard David Jeffries, who hit just three of 15 shots ... Bishop Canevin has won eight of its last nine games ... Ringgold Athletic Director Lloyd Price said that had Monessen won Saturday, the Greyhounds would have returned to Ringgold Wednesday to play Jeannette. Instead, Jeannette and Bishop Canevin play at Gateway.



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Monessen's Delmar Pritchett gets a shot off despite defensive effort from Bishop Canevin's John Koziel.

Sanchez in camp early for Pirates

All-Star second baseman promises to be ready after signing new deal.

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — After signing a multiyear contract extension, Freddy Sanchez is taking no chances about being ready for 2008.

The Pittsburgh Pirates' All-Star second baseman reported with the pitchers and catchers Thursday and has been on the field early each morning since then, taking fielding and batting practice as part of his recovery from minor shoulder surgery in September.

His throwing remains limited, and he took ground balls without making a throw Sunday. He can reach 75 feet in long-tossing and needs to double that before he can be cleared for game action, but he and the Pirates sound confident that that will happen.

"My goal is to get here early, get my work in and be ready for the season," Sanchez said. "No one wants to follow someone who just talks about it. They want to follow someone who leads and does the same things they're being asked to do."

Sanchez, the National League batting champion two seasons ago, signed an extension earlier this month that brings two guaranteed years plus a vested option that could bring him $18.9 million. He had been worried before that the Pirates were looking to trade him or allow him to leave through free agency once he was eligible after the 2009 season.

"Pittsburgh is a place I know I want to be, and I think, when we do start to win, it's going to feel satisfying," Sanchez said. "I've been around for the losing, and now I want to be around for the winning."

The Pirates were 68-94 last season and made few changes to the roster in the interim.

"I know we lost a lot of games last year, but we were put together to win and to contend, and I honestly believe we can do that," he said. "A lot of us underachieved last year, starting with myself, and we can't let that happen again. Everything is new and fresh, and that gives us a clean slate to start over."

Manager John Russell said the extension could benefit both sides.

"It put the organization at ease to know Freddy is ours and sends kind of a message that we're willing to do what it takes to keep our players," he said. "We're not going to make stupid decisions or spend money just to spend money. But, if the opportunity is there for us to lock in a Freddy Sanchez, who has proven he's a solid major league player who can do great things, we're going to do that."

Freddy Sanchez

Sanchez said he is determined to elevate his role as a team leader.

"I've got to step up," he said. "I'm not one of the older guys, but I'm enough of a veteran to where I have to be a presence. Hopefully, if I work hard and go out and bust my butt, other guys will, also."

NOTES: Josh Shortslef, a left-handed pitching prospect, was removed from the major league camp roster because of shoulder weakness, general manager Neal Huntington said. He will be assigned to minor league camp for rehabilitation. Shortslef, 26, was the Pirates' sixth-round draft pick in 2000. He spent 2007 with Class AA Altoona and went 5-13 with a 4.40 ERA. Doug Mientkiewicz, signed to a minor league contract in hopes of becoming a super-utility player, began Sunday by taking grounders at second base with some tutelage from Sanchez. He also will play third base and the corner outfield spots in this camp. Reliever Damaso Marte remained out because of the flu, and there is no timetable for his return.

Conklin stonewalls Sabres as Pens pick up 4-1 win

Former Buffalo goalie turns away 36 of 37 shots fired against him.

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Ty Conklin's early acrobatics gave Evgeni Malkin time to get the Pittsburgh Penguins' offense in gear.

Conklin stopped 36 shots, including the first 25 he faced, while Malkin had a goal and assist in leading the slow-starting Penguins to a 4-1 win over the Buffalo Sabres on Sunday night.

"Certainly we had to weather a bit of a storm early, but I think we got our legs under us as the game went on," said Conklin, who improved to 15-4-3 since taking over the starting job from injured Marc-Andre Fleury. "We capitalized on our breaks."

There's no other way to explain it, because the Penguins somehow found themselves ahead 2-0 midway through the second period despite being outshot 23-8.

"When your goalie's giving you the performance like Ty gave us, it gives your team some confidence," Penguins coach Michel Therrien said. "He's a big part of the reason why we had success."

Petr Sykora, with a goal and assist, Jarkko Ruutu and Colby Armstrong also scored in a victory that moved the Penguins into a tie with idle New Jersey atop the Atlantic Division standings. For Malkin, he scored his 34th goal, one more than he had as a rookie last season, and extended his point streak to eight games (seven goals, 12 assists), the longest active in the NHL.

Thomas Vanek scored for Buffalo, which has lost two straight since enjoying an 8-0-2 run, and squandered a chance to jump ahead of Boston in the playoff race. The two teams are tied for the eighth and final spot in the Eastern Conference.

It was an unlikely loss for the Sabres, who appeared ready to bounce back from a 5-1 loss at the New York Rangers a day earlier. Buffalo took control early, outshooting the Penguins 11-0 through eight minutes and 17-6 through the first period.

The only thing missing was finish.

"Same story, a different game," said Vanek. "We have to be pleased with the effort, but it's still a loss."

Conklin's best stop came during the Sabres' 2-on-1 break eight minutes in, when he moved across in time to snag Tim Connolly's shot from the right circle.

"The first 15 minutes, we played picture perfect," Sabres coach Lindy Ruff said. "We have to hold ourselves responsible for not putting them into the back of the net."

The Penguins were the ones getting the breaks.

Ruutu had just stepped out of the penalty box when Ryan Malone hit him for a long pass, setting up a wide-open breakaway. Driving in on Ryan Miller, Ruutu faked forehand and neatly backhanded in a shot 7:28 into the frame.

Sykora scored two minutes later, also capitalizing on a fortunate bounce during an odd-man rush. Sabres defenseman Henrik Tallinder blocked Malkin's initial shot, but the puck dribbled directly to Sykora, who swept it in the open left side.

Malkin then sealed the victory eight minutes into the third, poking the puck into an open net after Sykora's centering pass hit a Sabres' defender in front.

"Oh, come on, how can you even say that?" Sykora said, when asked about Crosby, the team leader who missed his 13th game since spraining his ankle. "I'm not even going to answer that because Sidney's the best hockey player in the world. And he's going to be the key guy for us in the playoffs."

NOTES: Crosby said he's "progressing" after taking part in the team's morning skate. Crosby, who took part in a full team practice on Saturday, is still expected to be out until at least the end of this month. ... Pittsburgh improved to 7-4-2 since Crosby was hurt.

Evgeni Malkin celebrates a goal in the third period as teammate Petr Sykora comes over to join in the moment.

SPORTS

East wins All-Star Game

Cleveland's LeBron James named MVP in 134-128 win.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Like tourists who flock here, a few All-Stars departed the Big Easy with souvenirs from a memorable weekend.

LeBron James took another MVP trophy back to Cleveland. Dwight Howard headed to Florida a much bigger star. Kobe Bryant left well-rested and nursing the same injured finger that made his visit strictly ceremonial.

Jason Kidd strolled out of New Orleans Arena a winner, but not exactly sure which uniform he'll wear next.

And the NBA, a league with an eye on European expansion, boosted its image by helping New Orleans' recovery.

For three days, superstars bowed to a city in need.

"The way the NBA reached out to the community is something I'll never forget," Hornets guard Chris Paul said.

Led by James and Ray Allen, the Eastern Conference outplayed their more trumpeted counterparts from the Western Conference and avenged a year-old beating with a 134-128 win on Sunday night.

Allen scored 28 points, making three straight 3-pointers in the final 3:15 and James added 27, including a "did-he-really-do-that?" dunk in the last minute to lift the East, which is constantly fighting for respect against the West's heavy hitters.

Last year near the Las Vegas Strip, the West humiliated the East in a 153-132 rout when Bryant and Co. rewrote the event's record books. However, this time led by Allen's 14 fourth-quarter points and James, the East salvaged some pride and stole some bragging rights.

"They beat up on us pretty bad last year," James said. "We didn't want to allow that to happen. We wanted to win."

James, who added nine assists and eight rebounds, was named MVP for the second time in three years.

"I didn't know he had done all that," said East coach Doc Rivers of Boston.

Howard, whose performance in the slam dunk contest had fans buzzing more than 24 hours later, scored 16 on 7-of-7 shooting and Kidd, who could be traded to Dallas in the next few days, had 10 assists.

Amare Stoudemire, Brandon Roy and Carmelo Anthony scored 18 points apiece to lead the West, which trailed by 13 entering the fourth but rallied behind Paul, the Hornets' wondrous point guard.

Paul's seventh assist of the final period — he finished with 14 — set up Roy's layup to give the West a 122-119 lead.

But Boston's Allen, the final player added to either roster, knocked down his second 3-pointer in 48 seconds to tie it before Paul answered with a 3 to make the hometown crowd, which was treated to familiar jazz and brass bands throughout the evening, erupt.

Allen finally missed and James forced a turnover before coming up with the night's most stirring moment.

Slashing through the lane, Cleveland's megastar rose and dunked over several West defenders, much like he did in Game 5 of last year's Eastern Conference finals in Detroit when he scored the Cavaliers' final 25 points

"We had two people on him," Paul said. "but that still wasn't enough."

Paul was called for an offensive foul on the West's next trip. Dwyane Wade hit a layup and Allen scored to make it 131-125. Roy's 3-pointer with 8.7 seconds brought the West within three, but Allen made three free throws to close it out.

Then with Seattle, Allen played on the West team that thrashed the East last year.

East's LeBron James hoists MVP trophy for the NBA All-Star Game after scoring 27 points in a 134-128 win.

"In the locker room guys said we're not going to have that," Allen said.

The weekend in New Orleans was about much more than spectacular dunks, a game featuring marginal defense or collecting strings of beads while strolling down boozy Bourbon Street. The NBA came to the Big Easy hoping to help this special city continue its comeback from Hurricane Katrina, the effects of which are still being felt 2 1/2 years since she blasted through.

BV Area, Ringgold wrestlers advance

Eight Leopards and seven Rams qualify for WPIAI AAA Southwest Regionals.

Belle Vernon Area and Ringgold will be well represented in the WPIAL-Southwest Regional Class AAA wrestling championships which start Thursday at Canon-McMillan.

BVA advanced eight wrestlers, with two champs, in the Section 2 tourney at Hempfield while Ringgold qualified seven with two titlists in the Section 4 meet at Waynesburg Saturday.

Jeremy Weslager and Donnie Tasser were the Leps' champs.

Weslager (112) blanked Elizabeth Forward's Adam Marks, 3-0, with Tasser decisioning Albert Gallatin's Matt Lowry, 5-3.

Three Leps - Bret Perry (130), Jacob Boyer (135) and P.J. Tasser (171) - had to settle for seconds after losing in finals.

Perry was pinned by Greensburg Salem's Mike Grant in 4:41 with Hempfieldf's Jake Kemerer, 13-5 and Albert Gallatin's Lance Bryson decsioned Tasser, 8-1.

The Leps'Jesse Gauden was third at 285 after winning by injury default over Laurel Highlands' Eric Minerd.

BVA's other qualifiers as fourth placers were Dante Altermare (103), who was pinned by Albert Gallatin's Tyler haines in 3:22 and Cody Rubin (119), who was blanked by Elizabeth Forward's Josh Etzel.

Ringgold also had a pair of champs in Fred Garcia (171) and Todd Miller (189).

Garcia decisioned Bethel Park's Anthony Scarillo, 13-6, with Miller topping Waynesburg's Keith Higginbotham, 7-2.

Two Rams were runnerups with Dean Mathies (112) getting pinned by Waynesbug's Derrick Nelson in 3:29 and Mike Tokar (140) losing a 6-3 decision to Greensburg Central's Ken Downing.

The Rams' Chris Clark (285) placed third with a 6-1 consolation win over Central Catholic's Pierce Johnson with teammates Ian Mathies (145) and Neil Rands (152) fourth following losses in thje consolation finals.

Mathies was pinned by McGuffey's Frank Bavaro in 3:48 with Rands getting pinned y Upper St. Clair's Connor Buker in 2:53.

Newman races to Daytona 500 win

Owner Roger Penske finally wins race which he says goes "to the top of the charts."

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — One down, one to go for The Captain.

Roger Penske picked up his elusive Daytona 500 victory, a $1 million bonus and a new challenge — pairing the race he just conquered with the one that means the most to him.

Ryan Newman gave Penske his first Daytona 500 victory in 24 years of trying, a frustrating span for a car owner accustomed to dominating big events: He's won the Indianapolis 500 a record 14 times.

Now he wants one more. Matching victories in two of motorsports' most sought after bounties.

"Comparing it to the Indy 500, as Ryan knows, we've been open-wheel guys and coming down here has been tough," Penske said following Sunday's victory. "This has got to go to the top of the charts here, this win. What I'm going to try to do this year is have them back-to-back, have one in May, too.

"That's my real challenge right now."

Penske earned his win in a thriller, with Newman ending an 81-race winless streak by teaming up with Kurt Busch for a last-lap pass that handed Tony Stewart yet another Daytona defeat. The Penske cars

Ryan Newman

ganged up on the two-time champion, who made a strategic error that prevented him from holding off the charge.

"Kurt was the push from heaven that made it all happen," Newman said. "Without a doubt, he could have easily gone three-wide and split us through the center and made one heck of a mess there. But he chose to be a teammate, and that was the most honorable thing that he could do."

It gave Penske the win in the 50th running of the Daytona 500, and when the car owner finally made it to storied Victory Lane, he was met by Rick Hendrick, NASCAR's most powerful owner.

"I talked to Rick earlier today, and I said, 'You've been in the winner's circle so many times, if we win will you give me your hat?' He was the first one down here. So I thank him," Penske said while wearing that very cap.

"We've been working here for many years. Certainly Kurt and the teamwork was just unbelievable. It's a big day in our life and for our whole team."

The Penske cars were quiet for 199 of the 200 laps, letting Joe Gibbs Racing stars Stewart and Kyle Busch race each other in a battle of Toyotas. With one lap to go, it appeared Stewart finally would get his first Daytona 500 win in his 10th try.

Running out front in the high line, he held off the two Penske cars as they circled the famed speedway. But as the Penske teammates closed in on him, Stewart didn't feel safe running alone without any allies.

At the last second, he dropped low on the track to line up in front of Kyle Busch. The JGR teams had talked all week about the importance of teamwork, and Stewart thought he'd need Busch to make it to the checkered flag.

But the decision backfired in the blink of an eye.

Stewart couldn't hook up with Kyle Busch fast enough, and the two Penske cars steamrolled past him on the top.

Newman pulled away for his first win since New Hampshire in September 2005, while Stewart had to settle for third.

"I don't think there's too many people that would take the white flag and like finishing third," a dejected Stewart sighed. "We tried to win the Daytona 500. That's all I can say. I just made the wrong decision on the backstretch.

"My intention was to get in front of Kyle and pull Kyle along with us. It's hard to explain. It's probably one of the most disappointing moments in my racing career."

The disappointment was also evident on Greg Zipadelli, who starts his 10th season with Stewart in NASCAR's longest active driver-crew chief pairing.

"We've worked all winter, we've worked the last 10 years, I've worked my whole life," Zipadelli said. "It's just the way that it is. There's a lot of good people that haven't won this race. I'm not going to get hung up on it. I'm going to work as hard as I can, and when it's done, if we have our turn, we will.

"It won't be because we didn't work at it."

First half surge costly as Pitt falls to UConn, 90-64

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Connecticut's top player was on the bench in foul trouble and Pitt was in the lead, forcing Huskies coach Geno Auriemma to go far down his bench relatively early in the game.

Turned out to be the worst possible scenario for Pittsburgh, a Top 25 team most of the season that is experiencing difficult times as its schedule toughens.

Renee Montgomery scored 17 points while playing a strong game defensively and No. 2 Connecticut used an 18-2 run to end the first half and beat No. 18 Pittsburgh 90-64 on Sunday, handing the Panthers a third consecutive loss.

Getting points from six players during the run, the Huskies (24-1, 11-1 Big East) turned a 27-25 deficit into a 43-29 halftime lead as the increasingly frustrated Panthers went the final 8 1/2 minutes of the half without a basket.

Pitt (18-7, 8-4) missed its final 14 shots to end the half, and it didn't get much better after that as the Huskies shot 50 percent (34-of-68) to the Panthers' 31.7 percent (19-of-60).

"The first 10 minutes were as bad as we've played defensively," Auriemma said. "The last 30 were as good as we've played for a long time, especially on the road."

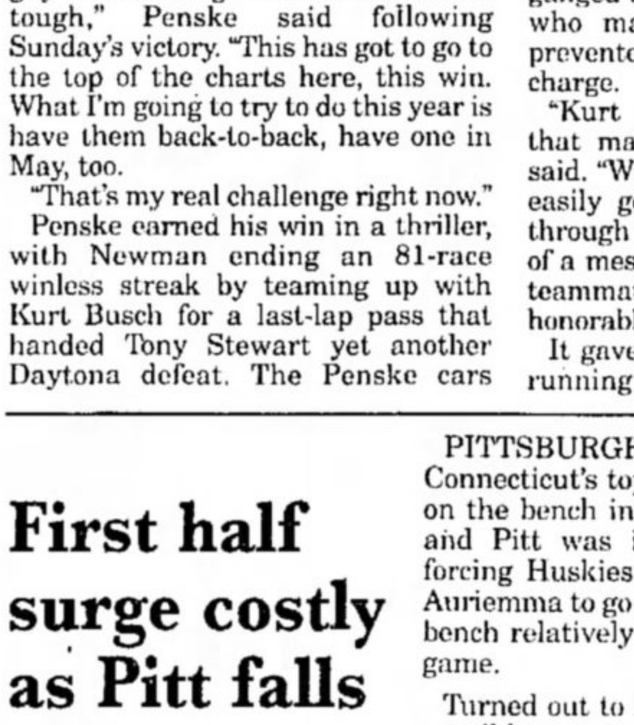
Maya Moore, a freshman who came in averaging 17.7 points and 7.2 rebounds, went to the bench after drawing her second foul with 13:29 left in the first half and didn't return until the second half. It hardly mattered as the Huskies won their 22nd in a row over Pitt since the 1992-93 season.

Moore returned in the second half and ended with 14 points on 7-of-11 shooting in 21 minutes, her 25th consecutive double-figure game.

"They have player after player after player," Pitt coach Agnus Berenato said. "They're so strong. They can throw person after person after person at you."

Tina Charles outmuscled Pitt's Marcedes Walker inside for 16 points and 12 rebounds. Charde Houston, averaging only 5.3 points as a backup, contributed 13 points and six rebounds during a second effective game against Pitt in as many seasons. Ketia Swanier, another backup, helped out with 12 points.

"It's difficult coming off the bench because there is pressure," said Houston, who had 23 points and 12 rebounds in UConn's 82-68 win over Pitt last season. "We have to go in and change the game, but we can't always rely on having a 10-point lead when we come in. There are times we're going to have to grind it out."



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SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Monessen's 6-7, 245-pound center Steve Major signed with Temple while Hal Hunter, son of the California State College football coach, signed with Northwestern University.

20 Years Ago

Dana Zajicek scored 22 points in California University's 79-68 win at Slippery Rcok.

Dawn Ghilani's 16 points were high in Mon Valley Catholic's 65-48 victory over Frazier.

10 Years Ago

Monessen edged Leechburg, 52-49, in the WPIAL playoffs at Ringgold behind Al Francia's 21 points.

Vonteego Cummings poured in a career-high 32 points in Pitt's 80-79 win at Georgetown.

Free agent nose tackle Joel Steed stayed with the Pittsburgh Steelers after signing a four-year, $17 million dollar contract.

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SPORTS

High school basketball playoffs

Boys
Class AAAA
Semifinals
Tuesday
At North Allegheny
8 p.m. - Moon (19-6) vs Norwin (20-6)
At Baldwin
8 p.m. - Central Catholic (21-4) vs McKeesport (19-3)
Class AAA
Quarterfinals
Blackhawk 56, Ambridge 28
Chartiers Valley 64, Steel Valley 45
Greensburg Salem 54, Highlands 46
Hopewell 77, Keystone Oaks 66
Semifinals
Wednesday
At North Allegheny
8 p.m. - Chartiers Valley (24-2) vs Blackhawk (21-5)
At Fox Chapel
8 p.m. - Hopewell (20-5) vs Greensburg Salem (21-5)
Class AA
Quarterfinals
Canevin 60, Monessen 48
Beaver Falls 57, Greensburg Central 49
Jeannette 64, South Fayette 54, ot
North Catholic 46, Riverside 44
Semifinals
Wednesday
At Chartiers Valley
8 p.m. - Beaver Falls (21-3) vs North Catholic (23-2)
At Gateway
8 p.m. - Jeannette (18-4) vs Canevin (15-12)
Class A
Semifinals
Tuesday
At Chartiers Valley
8 p.m. - Union (16-6) vs Serra (23-2)
At Canon-McMillan
8 p.m. - Bentworth (17-7) vs Wilkinsburg (14-10)
Girls
Class AAAA
Semifinals
Tuesday
At Chartiers Valley
6:30 p.m. - Upper St. Clair (20-5) vs Oakland Catholic (16-10)
At Canon-McMillan
6:30 p.m. - Peters Township (19-7) vs Mt. Lebanon (24-2)
Class AAA
Quarterfinals
Chartiers Valley 46, Hopewell 35
Hampton 55, Amridge 42
Indiana 43, West Allegheny 37
West Mifflin 58, Blackhawk 45
Semifinals
Wednesday
At Gateway
6:30 p.m. - Hampton (24-2) vs Indiana (23-2)
At North Allegheny
6:30 p.m. - West Mifflin (23-3) vs Chartiers Valley (20-6)
Class AA
Quarterfinals
Ford City 53, Riverside 46
Sacred Heart 44, Sto-Rox 33
South Park 50, Greensburg Central 38
Washington 71, Beaver 60
Semifinals
Wednesday
At Fox Chapel
6:30 p.m. - Sacred Heart (24-1) vs Ford City (20-6)
At Chartiers Valley
6 p.m. - Washington (24-1) vs South Park (19-8)
Class A
Semifinals
Tuesday
At Baldwin
6:30 p.m. - Monessen (25-0) vs Vincentian Academy (17-8)
At North Allegheny
6:30 p.m. - Mt. Alvernia (15-8) vs Avonworth (14-9)

High school lineups

Boys
Bishop Canevin - 60
Billigen, 6-6-21; Mackin, 2-3-8; Young, 2-2-7; Preston, 2-0-4; Koziel, 5-2-12; Knerr, 1-4-6; Bayer, 0-0-0; Tintori, 1-0-2. Totals: FG -19, F-17(26), T-60.
Monessen - 48
Tyree, 6-1-15; Stepoli, 3-0-8; Pritchett, 4-0-9; Parker, 1-0-2; Jeffries, 3-1-8; Wall, 2-0-4; Minnie, 0-2-2; Kunsa, 0-0-0. Totals: FG-19, F-4(6), T-48.

Score by quarters:

Monessen	13	19	9	7 - 48
Canevin	17	15	11	17 - 60

Three-pointers: BC - Billigen 3, Mackin, Young; Mon - Tyree 2, Stepoli 2, Pritchett, Jeffries.

College scores

EAST
American U. 68, Colgate 60
Fordham 53, Charlotte 51
Hartford 82, New Hampshire 63
Massachusetts 88, Saint Louis 77
Notre Dame 71, Rutgers 68
Virginia 79, Boston College 74
West Virginia 89, Seton Hall 68
SOUTH
Miami 64, Georgia Tech 63
Wake Forest 86, Duke 73
MIDWEST
Ball St. 59, Toledo 52
Michigan 80, Ohio St. 70
FAR WEST
Montana St. 87, Sacramento St. 82
WOMEN
EAST
Connecticut 90, Pittsburgh 64
Drexel 74, James Madison 67
Iona 77, Canisius 66
Michigan St. 66, Penn St. 50
Niagara 67, Manhattan 66
Old Dominion 73, Towson 61
Temple 74, Duquesne 66
SOUTH
Auburn 83, South Carolina 72
East Carolina 78, UCF 69
Florida 75, Arkansas 73
Georgia 60, Mississippi St. 56
Kentucky 64, Alabama 44
LSU 78, Mississippi 48
Louisville 65, Georgetown 51
Maryland 76, Duke 69
Memphis 72, Tulsa 49
Middle Tennessee 68, W. Kentucky 60
N.C. State 56, Wake Forest 36
North Carolina 97, Florida St. 77

Louisville coach Rick Pitino leads the Cardinals against Syracuse, 7 p.m., on ESPN.

Southern Miss. 77, Marshall 67
Tennessee 81, Vanderbilt 68
UNC-Wilmington 69, George Mason 55
Virginia 62, Virginia Tech 53
MIDWEST
Indiana 74, Michigan 65
Iowa 72, Minnesota 69
Kansas 62, Nebraska 61
Kansas St. 56, Missouri 40
Xavier 71, Charlotte 62
SOUTHWEST
Baylor 79, Oklahoma 59
Iowa St. 62, Oklahoma St. 57
TCU 59, New Mexico 51, OT
Texas A&M 70, Texas Tech 56
FAR WEST
Montana 87, N. Arizona 58
Oregon 70, Washington St. 67
Southern Cal 49, UCLA 36
Washington 58, Oregon St. 53

Sports dial

Today
Television
4 p.m. - ESPN2 - Georgetown at Providence, college basketball.
7 p.m. - ESPN - Syracuse at Louisville, college basketball.
7 p.m. - ESPN2 - Purdue at Ohio State, women's college basketball.
8 p.m. - Versus - Detroit at Colorado, hockey.
9 p.m. - ESPN - Texas A&M at Texas, college basketball.
11 p.m. - ESPN2 - Gonzaga at San Diego, college basketball.
11 p.m. - Versus - Tour of California, cycling.
Radio
7 p.m. - WPIT (730) - Robert Morris at Central Connecticut State, college basketball.

Sports moves

BASEBALL
American League
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with LHP Dallas Braden, OF Travis Buck, RHP Santiago Casilla, OF Chris Denorfia, RHP Joey Devine, OF Jeff Fiorentino, OF Carlos Gonzalez, RHP Jeff Gray, 3B Jack Hannahan, RHP Fernando Hernandez, OF Javier Herrera, INF Dan Johnson, OF Richie Robnett and RHP Henry Rodriguez on one-year contracts.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Claimed RHP Anderson Garcia off waivers from Philadelphia.
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with OF Nook Logan on a minor league contract.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS—Traded G Anthony Johnson, F Shelden Williams, G Tyronn Lue and F Lorenzen Wright to Sacramento for G Mike Bibby.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Activated C Matt Cullen from injured reserve. Assigned D Joey Mormina to Albany (AHL).
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Recalled G Michael Brodeur from Rockford (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Assigned LW Joakim Lindstrom to Syracuse (AHL).
DALLAS STARS—Recalled D Dan Jancevski from Iowa (AHL).
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Recalled F Lauri Tukonen from Manchester (AHL). Assigned F Brian Boyle to Manchester.

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	33	21	5	71	156	142
Pittsburgh	33	21	5	71	174	159
N.Y. Rangers	30	24	7	67	152	149
Philadelphia	30	24	5	65	184	171
N.Y. Islanders	27	25	7	61	147	172

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	34	20	5	73	201	175
Montreal	32	19	9	73	186	167
Boston	29	23	6	64	152	158
Buffalo	28	23	8	64	173	166
Toronto	24	27	9	57	165	193

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	30	27	4	64	180	193
Atlanta	29	28	4	62	165	195
Washington	28	26	6	62	171	185
Florida	27	28	6	60	167	175
Tampa Bay	25	28	6	56	171	193

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	41	15	5	87	195	136
Nashville	31	23	7	69	176	168
St. Louis	27	22	9	63	152	163
Columbus	27	25	9	63	149	161
Chicago	27	25	6	60	165	164

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	34	21	4	72	167	160
Calgary	29	22	8	66	170	174
Vancouver	29	22	8	66	157	152
Colorado	30	24	5	65	165	162
Edmonton	27	28	5	59	160	178

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	37	21	5	79	183	155
Anaheim	33	23	7	73	156	157
San Jose	31	19	8	70	152	143
Phoenix	30	25	4	64	164	164
Los Angeles	25	33	3	53	176	201

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.
Saturday's Games
N.Y. Rangers 5, Buffalo 1
Carolina 5, Florida 4
Toronto 4, Boston 3, OT
New Jersey 3, Ottawa 2
Montreal 1, Philadelphia 0
N.Y. Islanders 4, Atlanta 1
Washington 3, Tampa Bay 2
Nashville 2, St. Louis 1, OT
Phoenix 4, Los Angeles 3
Vancouver 4, Edmonton 2
Sunday's Games
Chicago 2, Colorado 1
N.Y. Rangers 3, San Jose 1
Dallas 1, Detroit 0
Pittsburgh 4, Buffalo 1
St. Louis 5, Columbus 1
Montreal 5, Philadelphia 3
Anaheim 4, Calgary 2
Minnesota 5, Nashville 4, OT
Today's Games
Carolina at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
San Jose at N.Y. Islanders, 2 p.m.
Detroit at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Pens summary

Pittsburgh	0	2	2 - 4
Buffalo	0	1	0 - 1

First Period—None. Penalty—Laraque, Pit (roughing), 3:05.
Second Period—1, Pittsburgh, Ruutu 1 (Malone, Scuderi), 7:28. 2, Pittsburgh, Sykora 19 (Malkin, Gonchar), 9:28 (pp). 3, Buffalo, Vanek 22 (Roy, Pominville), 14:45 (pp). Penalties—Scuderi, Pit (interference), :38; Ruutu, Pit (hooking), 5:18; Ryan, Buf (slashing), 8:37; Kotalik, Buf (holding), 10:55; Armstrong, Pit (unsportsmanlike conduct), 14:18.
Third Period—4, Pittsburgh, Malkin 34 (Talbot, Sykora), 8:13. 5, Pittsburgh, Armstrong 7 (Malone), 18:48 (en). Penalties—Armstrong, Pit (hooking), 11:56; Tallinder, Buf (hooking), 14:18.
Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 6-6-13—25. Buffalo 17-10-10—37.
Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 1 of 3; Buffalo 1 of 5.
Goalies—Pittsburgh, Conklin 15-4-3 (37 shots-36 saves). Buffalo, Miller 26-19-6 (24-21).
A—18,690 (18,690). T—2:20.
Referees—Gord Dwyer, Tim Peel. Linesmen—Brad Kovachik, Brad Lazarowich.

PSAC standings

Men
Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
California	8	0	18	4
Edinboro	8	1	18	5
Clarion	5	4	13	10
Indiana	4	4	12	11
Slippery Rock	3	5	6	17
Lock Haven	2	7	2	21
Shippensburg	0	9	6	18

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Cheyney	8	1	16	7
Kutztown	8	1	16	7
Millersville	6	2	17	6
East Stroudsburg	3	5	15	8
Mansfield	3	6	15	9
West Chester	2	6	11	12
Bloomsburg	0	9	8	15

Saturday
California 70, Lock Haven 58
Clarion 84, Shippensburg 62
Edinboro 74, Indiana 65
Kutztown 97, Bloomsburg 68
Cheyney 81, Mansfield 59
East Stroudsburg 58, West Chester 53
Slippery Rock 87, PSU-New Kensington 63
Sunday
District of Columbia 90, Cheyney 78
Tuesday
PS-Greater Allegheny at Edinboro
Salem International at California (7 p.m.)

Women
Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Indiana	7	1	22	2
Clarion	6	3	16	7
California	5	3	18	5
Shippensburg	5	4	17	7
Edinboro	4	5	14	9
Lock Haven	2	7	7	16
Slippery Rock	1	7	7	16

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	8	0	19	4
West Chester	6	2	15	8
Cheyney	6	3	10	13
Kutztown	4	5	11	13
East Stroudsburg	3	5	9	13
Bloomsburg	2	7	7	17
Mansfield	1	8	6	18

Saturday
California 92, Lock Haven 56
Indiana 67, Edinboro 53
Clarion 88, Shippensburg 81
Kutztown 76, Bloomsburg 56
Cheyney 66, Mansfield 54
West Chester 75, East Stroudsburg 60
Wednesday
Shippensburg at California (6 p.m.)
Indiana at Slippery Rock
Clarion at Lock Haven
East Stroudsburg at Bloomsburg
Cheyney at West Chester
Kutztown at Millersville

Cal U lineups

Men
California - 70
Logan, 3-0-6; Hairston, 4-0-8; Brooks, 1-0-2; Banks, 6-3-15; Mbaye, 9-5-23; Sawyer, 0-0-0; Johnson, 4-3-11; Vaughn, 0-0-0; Colao, 1-2-5; Parker, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 28 (50), F - 13 918), T - 70.
Lock Haven - 58
Eveillard, 4-1-9; Zimmer, 0-0-0; Mclean, 3-2-11; Arre, 3-1-8; Mortimer, 3-1-7; Blackwell, 0-0-0; Spence, 0-2-2; Bolton, 1-0-2; Palmer, 7-3-19. Totals: FG - 21 (55), F - 10 (13), T - 58.
Halftime score: 26-24, Lock Haven.
Three-pointers: California (1-5) Colao. Lock Haven (6-22) Mcleam 3, Palmer 2, Arre.

Women
California - 92
Williams, 11-3-25; Benick, 1-0-2; Dubyak, 1-2-5; Briggs, 4-2-11; Smith, 11-4-26; Johnson, 1-2-4; Andrews, 5-2-14; Mance, 2-1-5; Evans, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 36 (66), F - 16 (22), T - 44.
Lock Haven - 44
Miller, 1-3-5; Elliott, 2-0-5; Keishaw, 4-6-15; Wynn, 1-0-2; Kudrick, 2-1-5; May, 0-0-0; Smith, 0-0-0; Mitchell, 5-2-12; Kendall, 0-0-0; Finneran, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 15 (47), F - 12 (21), T - 44.
Halftime score: 37-29, California.
Three-pointers: California (4-9) Andrews 2, Dubyak, Briggs. Lock Haven (2-13) Elliott, Keishaw.

Latest Line

College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Georgetown	5	Providence
LOUISVILLE	10	Syracuse
Xavier	3	RHODE ISLAND
ST. JOSEPH'S	13	LaSalle
TEXAS	4	Texas A&M
Utah St.	5	SAN JOSE ST.
SAN FRAN.	5	Portland
St. Mary's, Cal.		13 PEPPERDINE
Gonzaga	8	SAN DIEGO
Siena	5	MANHATTAN
NIAGARA	13	St. Peter's
LOYOLA, MD.	2	Rider
FAIRFIELD	2	Marist
TENN. ST.	1	Austin Peay

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

State rankings

Boys
Class AAAA

	Rec	Pvs
1. Chester (1)	26-1	1
2. Pennsbury (1)	26-1	2
3. Reading (3)	28-0	3
4. Schenley (8)	24-2	5
5. Norristown (1)	27-0	6
6. Easton (11)	24-3	8
7. McDowell (10)	23-2	9
8. McKeesport (7)	19-3	10
9. Penn Wood (1)	21-6	NR
10. Pittsburgh CC (7)	21-5	NR

Honorable mention: Bethlehem Liberty (11) 22-5; Cathedral Prep (10) 18-6; Conestoga (1) 20-5; Lower Merion (1), 19-7; Norwin (7) 20-6; Pocono Mountain West (11) 21-3; Ridley (1) 22-5; Southern (12) 21-5.

Class AAA

	Rec	Pvs
1. General McLne (10)	22-3	1
2. Comm. Tech (12)	24-3	2
3. Chartirs Valley (7)	24-2	3
4. Steel-High (3)	22-5	4
5. Susque. Twp. (3)	26-2	6
6. Hopewell (7)	20-5	8
7. Great Valley (1)	20-5	9
8. Green-Antrim (3)	23-4	10
9. Blackhawk (7)	21-5	NR
10. Holy Ghost Prep (1)	22-3	NR

Honorable mention: Central Cambria (6) 21-3; Crestwood (2) 21-4; Greensburg-Salem (7) 21-5; Highlands (7) 20-5; Milton (4) 22-3; Pottstown (1) 20-3; Shamokin (4) 25-2; West York (3) 20-6.

Class AA

	Rec	Pvs
1. Strawberry Man. (12)	19-4	3
2. Imhotep (12)	24-3	1
3. Beaver Falls (7)	21-3	4
4. Jeannette (7)	18-4	5
5. North East (10)	24-1	6
6. Farrell (10)	22-3	8
7. Prep Charter (12)	17-7	2
8. Hughesville (4)	22-2	9
9. Columbia (3)	25-3	10
10. Holy Cross (2)	21-3	NR

Honorable mention: Aliquippa (7) 16-9; Bishop McCort (6) 18-5; Delone (3) 23-3; North Catholic (7) 23-3; Northern Lehigh (11) 24-3; Southern Columbia (4) 16-9; Trinity (3) 16-8; Wyoming Seminary (2) 22-1.

Class A

	Rec	Pvs
1. Serra Catholic (7)	23-2	1
2. Scotland (3)	18-4	2
3. Girard College (1)	21-3	3
4. Coudersport (9)	25-0	4
5. DuBois CC (9)	25-2	5
6. Notre Dame (11)	16-8	6
7. North Penn (4)	24-1	7
8. Kenndy Cath. (10)	15-9	8
9. Elk CC (9)	22-4	9
10. Bish. Guilfoyle (6)	18-7	10

Honorable mention: Delco Christian (1) 17-8; Faith Christian (1) 21-4; Harmony (6) 21-4; High Point Baptist (3) 23-3; Millville (4) 21-4; Plus X (11) 17-7; Rocky Grove (9) 25-1; Shade (5) 25-2.
PIAA champion. Number in parentheses is PIAA district.

Girls
Class AAAA

	Rec	Pvs
1. Abington Hts (2)	24-0	1
2. Downingtn East (1)	25-1	2
3. Central Dauphin (3)	22-6	3
4. Mt. Lebanon (7)	24-2	4
5. Methacton (1)	27-0	5
6. Wilson (3)	24-3	7
7. Spring-Ford (1)	25-2	8
8. State College (6)	19-4	NR
9. Northampton (11)	22-4	NR
10. Upper St. Clair (7)	20-5	NR

Honorable mention: Allentown Allen (11) 21-4, Butler (7) 23-3, Central Dauphin East (3) 20-6, Cedar Crest (3) 22-5, Central (12) 16-6, Pocono Mountain East (11) 22-2, Norristown (1) 21-6, Northeast (12) 20-5.

Class AAA

	Rec	Pvs
1. Mercyhrst Prep (10)	24-1	1
2. M.t St. Joseph (1)	24-2	2
3. Allentown CC (11)	24-2	3
4. Hampton (7)	24-2	4
5. Engin. & Science (12)	20-2	5
6. Villa Maria Academy (1)	18-6	6
7. West Mifflin (7)	23-3	7
8. General McLane (10)	20-5	9
9. Indiana (7)	23-3	NR
10. Lewistown (6)	19-4	10

Honorable mention: Blue Mountain (11) 22-2, Chartiers Valley (7) 20-6, Gettysburg (3) 19-7, Holy Redeemer (2) 18-4, Hopewell (7) 20-5, Lampeter-Strasburg (3) 23-3, Selinsgrove (4) 24-1.

Class AA

	Rec	Pvs
1. Villa Maria (10)	21-4	1
2. Trinity (3)	21-3	2
3. York Catholic (3)	27-1	3
4. Bish. McCort (6)	25-1	4
5. OLSH (7)	23-1	5
6. Washington (7)	24-1	6
7. Girard (10)	22-3	7
8. N. Cambria (6)	23-1	9
9. Bodine (12)	18-4	10
10. Dunmore (2)	24-1	NR

Honorable mention: Cambridge Springs (10) 22-3, Conemaugh Twp. (5) 22-3, Delco Christian (1) 19-6, East Juniata (4) 24-1, Loyalsock (4) 21-1.

Class A

	Rec	Pvs
1. Monessen (7)	25-0	1
2. Marian Catholic (11)	22-1	3
3. Bishop Guilfoyle (6)	23-3	4
4. Farrell (10)	20-2	5
5. Eisenhower (10)	17-5	7
6. Nativity BVM (11)	22-3	8
7. Reading CC (3)	20-6	10
8. Coudersport (9)	24-2	NR
9. Ferndale (6)	21-4	NR
10. Mt. Alvernia (7)	15-8	NR

Honorable mention: Girard College (1) 18-7, Jenkintown (1) 19-6, North Catholic (7) 21-5, West Forest (9) 20-5.

SPORTS DIGEST

Four Charleroi wrestlers advance

When Charleroi hosts the WPIAL Class AA wrestling championships Friday, four of its boys will be in the meet.

The quartet included Ray Campbell, Dave Grillo, Ethan Radomile and Greg Black.

Campbell was the Cougars' lone champion in the Section 2 meet at Mt. Pleasant Saturday with a 4-2 decision over Keystone Oaks' John Kazalas.

Teammate Dave Grillo finished second after getting pined in 7:38 by Jefferson-Morgan's Ethan Virgili.

The Cougars' Ethan Radomile (285) decisioned Jefferson-Morgan's Zach Doman, 3-1, for third place with teammate Greg Black (119) fourth after getting decisioned by Jefferson-Morgan's James Miller, 7-3.

Monessen ticket sales scheduled

Tickets for Tuesday's WPIAL Class A girl's semifinal basketball game between Monessen and Vincentian Acaemy at 6:30 p.m. at Baldwin will be on sale today from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the MHS athletic office.

Tickets will also be sold Tuesday from 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Ticket prices are $6 for adults and $4 for students.

Ringgold next for California

California's eighth grade Metro team faces Ringgold in the semifinals today at 6 p.m. at the South Park Elementary Center after upsetting top-seeded Baldwin, 46-44, Sunday.

Tanner Huffman (23) and Jason Irwin (15) combined for 38 points in the win.

In Saturday games. Brian Fisher hit a basket at the buzzer to give California a 41-39 win over Bethel Park before a 45-23 victory over Mt. Lebanon.

Huffman (17) and Fisher (11) combined for 28 points against Bethel Park with Irwin (19) and Naz Victoria (10) high in the win over Mt. Lebanon.

Trivia answer

Ishmieal Kamara had 32 against Clarion in the 2001.

California stays on top of PSAC West

The California University men's basketball team used a hot second half to stay on top of the PSAC West Saturday.

Trailing 26-24 at halftime, the Vulcans (18-4, 8-0) shot 70 percent in the second half en route to a 70-58 victory over Lock Haven at Hamer Hall.

Ali Mbaye (23) and Ron Banks (15) were high for the Vulcans with Kenny Johnson coming off the bench to add 11 points.

Cal, which has won nine straight, is home Tuesday at 7 p.m. for an exhibition game with Salem International (3-18).

BVA swimmers second in Sec. 5

Brendan Lacey set meet records in the 200 and 500 freestyle and was also on the school-record bnrreaking 400 freestyle relay team with Jay Lewis, Andre Maldonado and Zachary Wardle to lead Belle Vernon Area High's swimmers to a second place in the Section 5 meet.

Other winners for the Leps were Aaron Mikula in the 100 fly and the 200 freestyle relay team of Maldonado, Cory Wyke, Lacey and Wardle.

Adding seconds were Wardle (100 freestyle), Maldonado (200 individual medley) and Wardle (50 freetyle).

The Lady Leps placed fourth with Mary Wardle making the best showing with a second in the 100 freestyle.

California women snap losing skid

The California University women's basketball team snapped a rare three-game losing skid with a 92-44 romp over Lock Haven Saturday at Hamer hall.

The Vulcans (18-5, 5-3) broke open a 37-29 game by outscoring the Eagles, 55-15, in the final 20 minutes.

Freshman Kayla Smith (26) and Brooque Williams (25) combined for 51 points to iutscore Lock Haven (7-16, 2-7).

Cal resumes Wednesday at home against Shippensburg at 6 p.m.

Monessen Pinto needs players

Monessen Pinto Baseball is eyeing youngsters seven and eight years of age.

Those interested in playing should contact John Swann (412-475-4437).

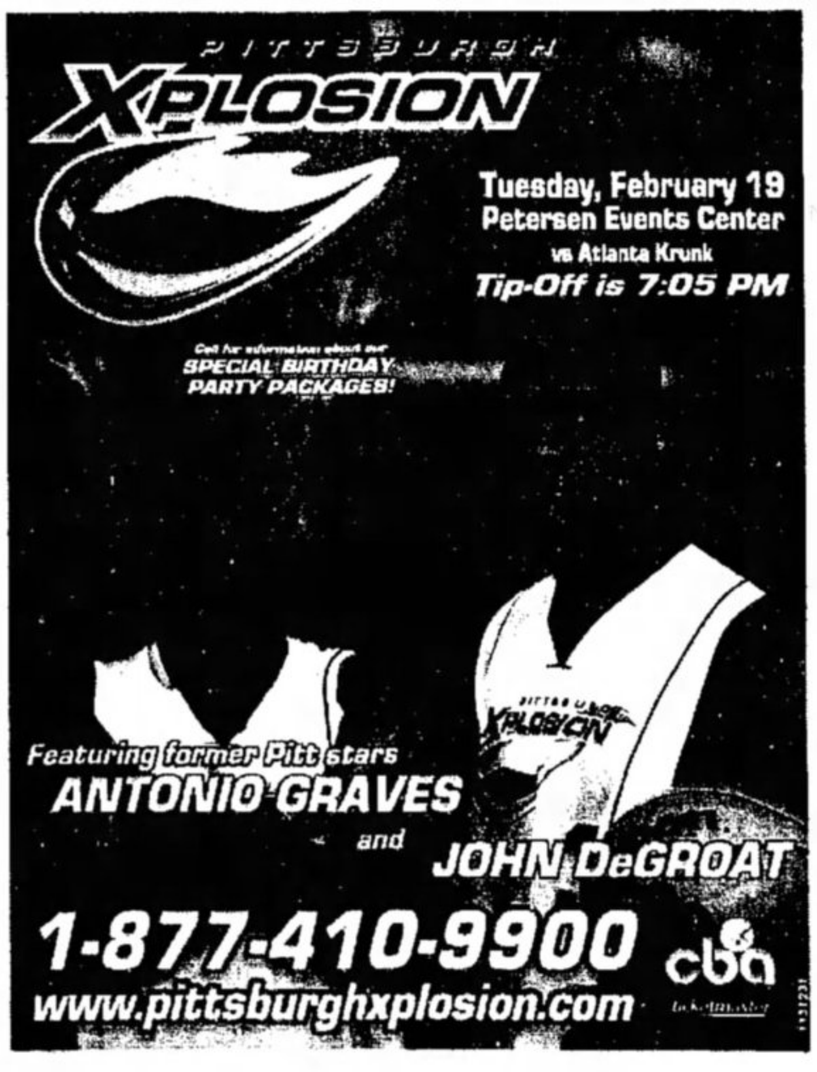
Mickelson wins Northern Open

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Phil Mickelson held on long enough for Jeff Quinney to self-destruct on the back nine at Riviera, closing with a 1-under 70 to win the Northern Trust Open and complete an impressive collection of trophies in California and Arizona.

Lefty was steady down the stretch as Quinney faltered, and finished with a 12-under 272 to win by two shots for his 33rd career victory — 16 of those on the West Coast.

Quinney holed four straight putts outside 10 feet around the turn and briefly held the lead. However, he bogeyed three straight holes, and three-putted again from about 20 feet on the 17th for another bogey that allowed Mickelson to ease to the win.

Quinney finished with a final-round 71. British Open champion Padraig Harrington and Luke Donald each shot 68 and tied for third at 7 under.



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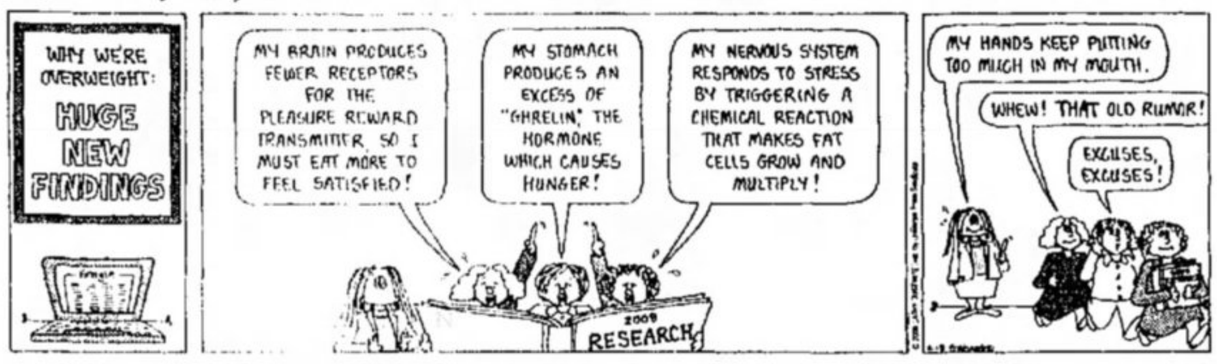
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MY STOMACH PRODUCES AN EXCESS OF "GHRELIN," THE HORMONE WHICH CAUSES HUNGER!
MY NERVOUS SYSTEM RESPONDS TO STRESS BY TRIGGERING A CHEMICAL REACTION THAT MAKES FAT CELLS GROW AND MULTIPLY!
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MY HANDS KEEP PUTTING TOO MUCH IN MY MOUTH.
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GARFIELD, I WAS THINKING... IF OUR EARS WERE IN OUR ARMPITS...
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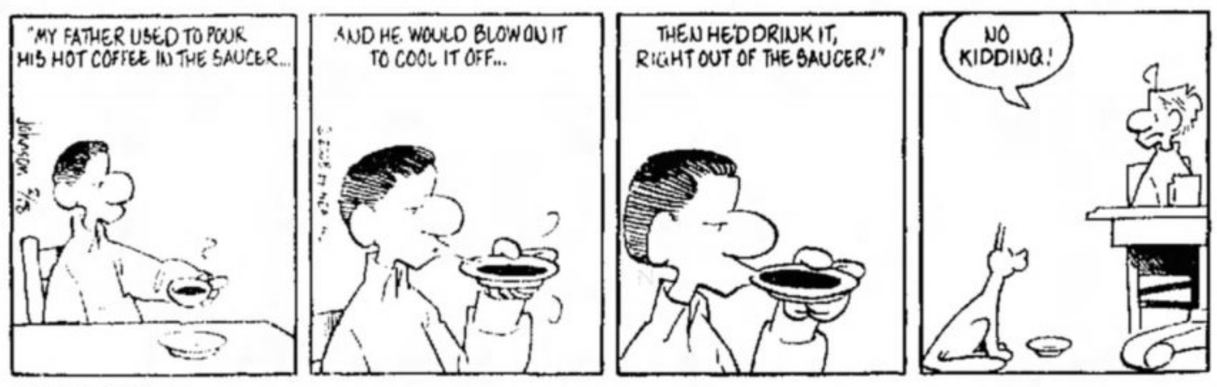
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WHY?
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AND..WELL..APPARENTLY THERE'S A SHORTAGE OF COWS AND DAIRY PRODUCTS IN THE FUTURE...AND...
HE'S SUCKING THE CHEESE OUT OF MY COMBOS.
I TRIED TO WARN YOU.

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I CAN'T SLEEP
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MAYBE YOU OUGHT TO RUN FOR IDIOT IN CHIEF!
OOH! I LIKE THAT!

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THAT WE'RE NOT JUST INSECTS ON SOME ROCK HURTLING ITS WAY THROUGH THE GALAXY.
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WHY?
BECAUSE I'M MILDLY CURIOUS.

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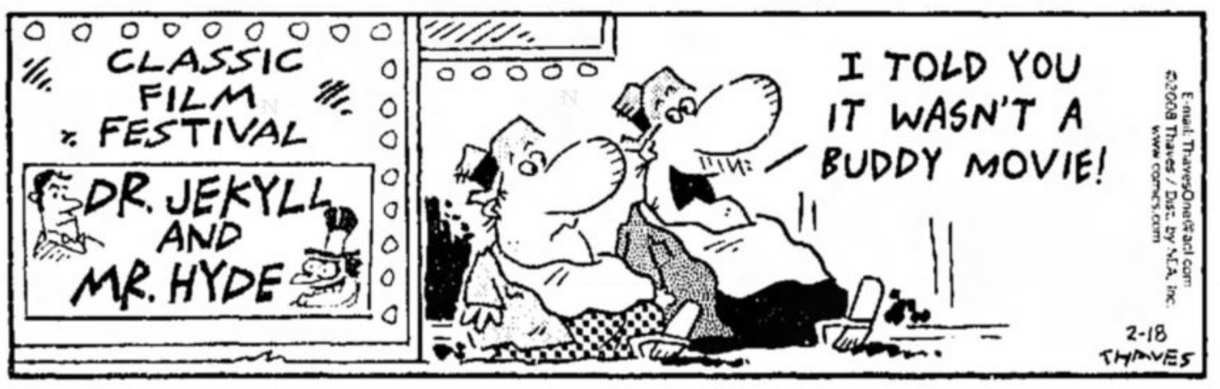

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ALL RIGHT, SO WHAT IF ALLEY ISN'T HERE TO SAVE ME!
SINCE WHEN HAVE I HAD TO RELY ON ANYONE FOR MY DAY-TO-DAY SURVIVAL?
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I'M A STRONG, INDEPENDENT WOMAN, AND IF THERE'S ANY WAY OUT OF THIS MESS, I CAN FIND IT!!
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AND WHEN I TELL THEM LUKE KILLED BULL, THEY WILL LET MY FRIEND JOHNNY MALOTTE GO HOME TO HIS FAMILY!
DON'T BE STUPID, TRAIL, YOU CAN'T PROVE WHAT LUKE TOLD YOU!
IF LUKE CONFESSED TO KILLING YOUR HUSBAND, WHY DO YOU WANT TO STOP ME FROM TELLING THE POLICE?- UNLESS YOU WERE PART OF THE PLAN!

THE VALLEY INDEPENDENT Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Stage production
5 Woodland creature
8 Fidel's friend
11 Bubbly drink
12 Throws in
14 Electric swimmer
15 Ms. Dinesen
16 Proposal
17 Flee
18 Little kids
20 — uno
22 Ben & Jerry rival
23 Gists
24 Varieties
27 *Tire trouble*
29 Mont. neighbor
30 Wonder
34 Certainly (3 wds.)
37 Lingerie buy
38 Gauge
39 Comfortable
41 Theater box
43 Pork source
44 Honky-tonk
46 Top grade (hyph.)
49 Byron work
50 Thespian's quest
52 Oklahoma town
54 First-down yardage
55 Pavarotti piece
56 Catch the bus
57 Switch positions
58 Game pieces
59 Cook by simmering

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1 Air-pump meas.
2 Bewildered
3 Call it — —
4 Tied up the phone
5 Common wildflower
6 Funny, in a way
7 TV genie portrayer
8 Glitterati member
9 *Finds out about*
10 Sailor's saint
13 Condo luxuries
19 Magazine execs
21 Stray dog
24 *Baby fox*
25 Familiar vow (2 wds.)
26 Take into custody
27 Roll tightly
28 "He Got Game" director
30 Sine — non
31 "Big Blue"
32 Vein contents
33 Senate response
35 Brink
36 Mountain chain
39 In the know
40 Gawkers
41 Fraught
42 Home appliances
43 Joyous outburst
44 Dog in Oz
45 Standard of behavior
47 BTU part
48 Faction
51 Tell a whopper
53 Drops on the grass

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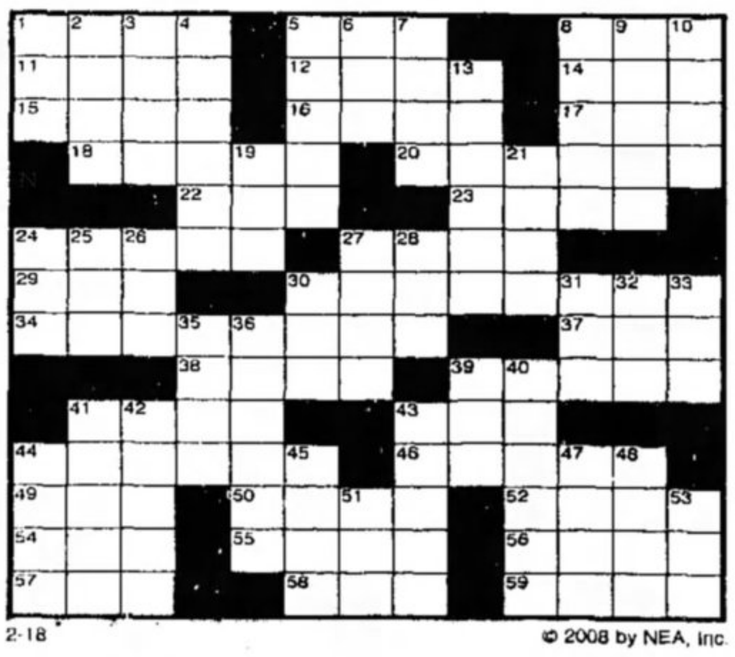

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FEATURES

Frugal Living

Homemade beauty recipes from your kitchen

Sara **NOEL**

Do you know the health hazards lurking in your bathroom?

No, not your household cleaners. Think again. Take a look at your beauty products. Have you ever questioned the synthetic materials used to create them? I don't want to sound like an alarmist, so I'll spare you the details and simply direct you to the cosmetic-safety database at www.cosmeticsdatabase.com. Read product ingredients and decide for yourself.

I'm willing to bet you're not a stranger to how great your hair and skin feel when you're using natural ingredients. Chances are you already have many of the food ingredients such as honey, fruits, mayonnaise, vinegar and oil in your kitchen. The following frugal beauty recipes are quick and easy to make, but please note that they don't contain preservatives, so don't store them long term.

If you have a homemade beauty recipe that you enjoy, let me know. I'd love to hear about it.

Feet/hands moisturizer: Soak feet in a small tub of warm water with 1 cup of apple-cider vinegar. Remove feet and apply petroleum jelly. Cover feet with socks.

Relaxing Bath Salts

2 cups Epsom salts
1 cup sea salt
5 drops of blue food coloring and 5 drops of red food coloring (optional)
18 drops of lavender essential oil

In a large bowl, mix salts and add the other ingredients slowly. Store in glass mason jar. To use, add 1/2 cup mixture to bathwater.

To make bath bombs or bath fizzies, as some people call them, visit Scent of Water at scentofwater.wordpress.com and click "Tutorials."

Exfoliant: Make a paste with equal parts cornmeal and water and apply it to your face. Use a circular motion to scrub and rinse off. For added citrus scent and as a natural astringent, squeeze the juice from half an orange into your paste mixture.

Toner: Combine equal parts water and witch hazel. Apply with a cotton ball.

Lip Balm

3/4 cup cocoa butter
3 tablespoons beeswax
1/3 cup coconut oil
1/3 cup almond oil
3 tablespoons honey
3 tablespoons aloe extract
1 teaspoon lanolin oil
1 teaspoon vitamin E acetate

Melt cocoa butter, beeswax, coconut oil and almond oil in pan on low heat and gradually add honey, aloe, lanolin oil and vitamin E. Remove from heat. Pour into shallow containers and chill in refrigerator until solid.

Simple Shampoo

1 ounce olive oil
1 egg
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon apple-cider vinegar

Combine ingredients in a blender. Apply to wet hair. Massage into scalp. Rinse.

Hair conditioner: Use mashed avocado to condition hair. Apply to wet hair. Rinse. Optional: Add 1/4 cup mayonnaise to mashed advocado for dry hair.

Dry Skin Mask

2 tablespoons aloe-vera gel
1 tablespoon pure honey
4 teaspoons brewed and cooled chamomile tea
2 drops lavender essential oil

Mix all ingredients together and apply to face. Leave on for 15 minutes. Rinse.

For more beauty recipes with honey, visit www.honey.com/beauty/beauty_download.html.

Bubble Bath

5 drops essential oil of choice
1 ounce liquid glycerin
1 ounce coconut oil
1 (4-ounce) bar castile soap, grated
4 cups distilled water

Mix ingredients together. Store in spill-proof container. Add to bathwater.

Sara Noel is the owner of Frugal Village (www.frugalvillage.com), a Web site that offers practical, money-saving strategies for everyday living. To send tips, comments or questions, write to Sara Noel, c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10016, or e-mail sara@frugalvillage.com

CALENDAR WATCH

Tuesday

■ Monessen High School Class of 1953 reunion planning meeting, St. Michael Antioch Orthodox Church, Monessen, 3 p.m.

■ Managing your Diabetes, Center for Fitness and Health, Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver Township, 6 p.m.

■ California Area Public Library trustees meeting, library, 6:15 p.m.

■ Monessen Court 776 Catholic Daughters of Americas meeting, Epiphany Church chapel, 7 p.m.

■ Clothing ministry, Fellowship Baptist Church, Monessen, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ Free tax preparation for low or medium income with special preference to ages 60 and over, Monessen Senior Center, (724) 684-6105.

■ Grant writing seminar, Donora Fire Hall, 6 p.m.

■ Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce meeting, Charleroi Elks, 11:45 a.m.

■ Pike Run 4-H meeting, Grace United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Fallowfield Lions to meet Tuesday

The Fallowfield Township Lions Club will hold its bi-monthly meeting 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Carlton Restaurant.

Lenten fish fry planned in Donora

A Lenten fish fry will be held noon to 6 p.m. Friday and all Fridays through Lent, including Good Friday, at American Legion, 513 Meldon Ave., Donora. Additional menu items will be available. Call (724) 379-9982.

Fire chiefs to meet at Latrobe fire hall

The Fire Chiefs' Association of Westmoreland County will meet 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Latrobe No. 1 Volunteer Fire Department, Huber Hall.

Judge marries couple after sentencing groom

WHEELING, W.Va. (AP) — It wasn't a typical Valentine's Day wedding. For one thing, the groom was in handcuffs.

Kevin Felder and Misty Johnson exchanged vows Thursday just minutes after Felder was sentenced to five to 18 years in prison for second-degree robbery.

"It's a decision between the two of us. I am sorry for what I did, and I want to be a better man when I come home," said Felder, who wore an orange jumpsuit.

Circuit Judge James Mazzone performed the wedding after sentencing Felder. He declined Felder's request to have the handcuffs removed during the ceremony.

"I'm sorry, but I can't allow that," Mazzone said. "You are in custody."

Felder took $340 during a convenience store robbery on Sept. 5, Assistant Ohio County Prosecutor Steven Vogrin said. Felder committed the robbery while he was on probation for a July 20 domestic violence offense involving Johnson, his then-girlfriend.

Johnson said goodbye to Felder as he was escorted from the courtroom.

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MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS

The following have applied for marriage licenses in Westmoreland County:

■ Graham David Baker, of Charleroi, and Christine Lee Bates, of Mt. Pleasant

■ Brigham Jade Blume, of Cumberland, Md., and Alexa Nicole McDowell, of Belle Vernon

■ Benjamin Gregg Lion and Cara Lynn Kisielinicki, both of Belle Vernon

■ Brian Lloyd Kraszewski and Linndy Lynnette Copeland, both of Smithton

■ Nicholas Philip Tamasy and Amy Miriam Jackson, both of Smithton

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: D equals U

"UH TOBU TOHXY LA ZOHXRN. XSS LJT RHF XOH ZOHXRHON."
- UBBZOBU UJSNBF

"XLBKH XSS, YHSS YWH YODYW."
- TOBKHO ISHKHSXFZ

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "Instead of getting married again, I'm going to find a woman I don't like and just give her a house." - Rod Stewart

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Valley Grapevine deadline set

Items for Valley Grapevine should be submitted at least five publishing days prior to scheduled meetings or events.

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NEWS

Government recalls record 143 million pounds of beef

The California slaughterhouse that produced suspect beef is the subject of an animal-abuse investigation.

By GREG RISLING
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — An undercover video showing crippled and sick animals being shoved with forklifts has led to the largest beef recall in the United States and a scramble to find out if any of the meat is still destined for school children's lunches.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Sunday ordered the recall of 143 million pounds of beef from a Southern California slaughterhouse that is the subject of an animal-abuse investigation.

The recall will affect beef products dating to Feb. 1, 2006, that came from Chino-based Westland/Hallmark Meat Co., the federal agency said.

The company provided meat to various federal programs.

Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer said his department has evidence that Westland did not routinely contact its veterinarian when cattle became non-ambulatory after passing inspection, violating health regulations.

"Because the cattle did not receive complete and proper inspection, Food Safety and Inspection Service has determined them to be unfit for human food and the company is conducting a recall," Schafer said in a statement.

A phone message left for Westland president Steve Mendell was not returned.

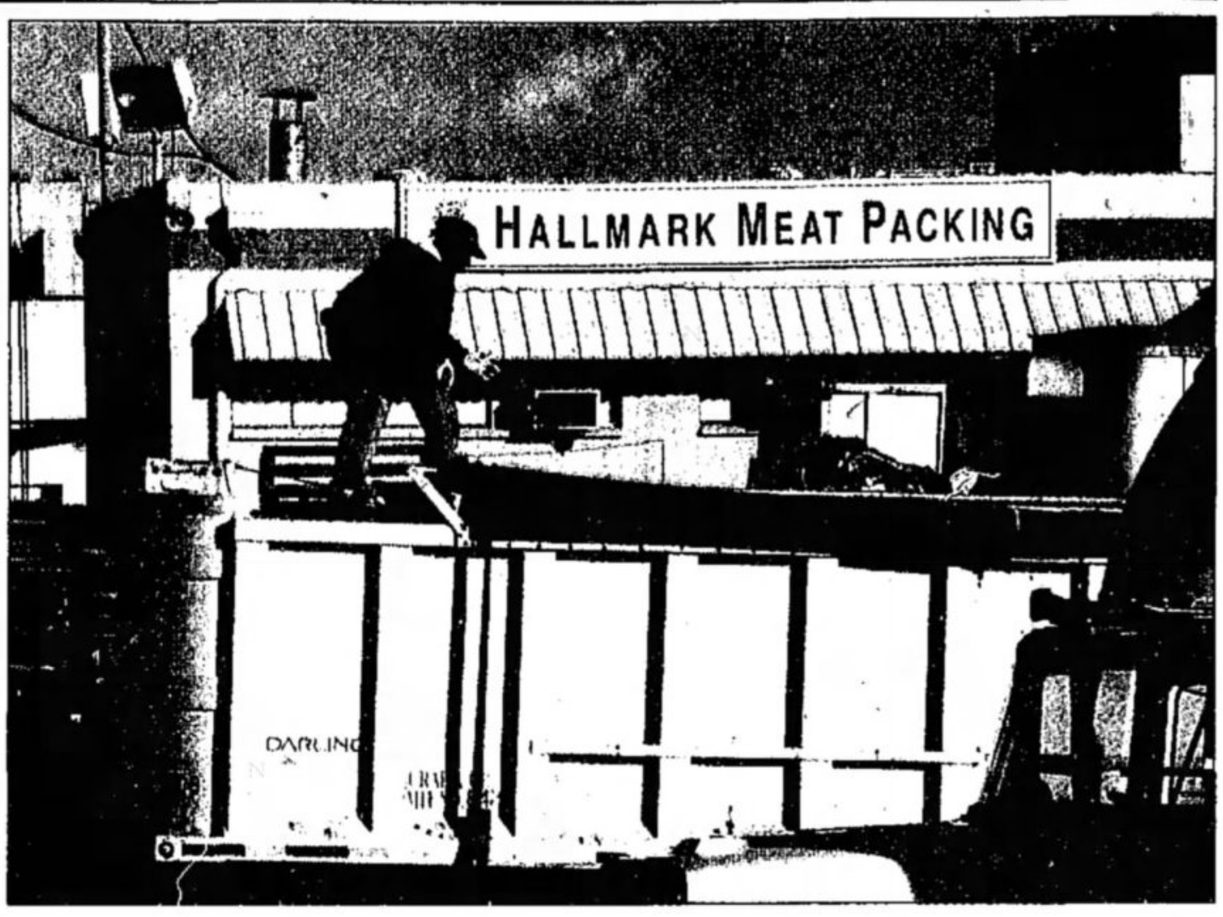
Agriculture officials said the massive recall surpasses a 1999 ban of 35 million pounds of ready-to-eat meats. No illnesses have been linked to the newly recalled meat, and officials said the health threat was likely small.

Officials estimate that about 37 million pounds of the recalled beef went to school programs, but they believe most of the meat probably has already been eaten.

"We don't know how much product is out there right now. We don't think there is a health hazard, but we do have to take this action," said Dr. Dick Raymond, USDA Undersecretary for Food Safety.

Federal officials suspended operations at Westland/Hallmark after an undercover video from the Humane Society of the United States surfaced showing crippled and sick animals being shoved with forklifts.

Two former employees were charged Friday with five felony counts of animal cruelty.



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A worker throws a piece of meat among cattle carcass scraps dropped into a truck at the Hallmark Meat Packing slaughterhouse in Chino, Calif., in this Jan. 30 file photo. The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Sunday recalled 143 million pounds of frozen beef from from Chino-based Westland/Hallmark Meat Co. a Southern California slaughterhouse that is being investigated for mistreating cattle.

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Wisconsin weather impacts Clinton, Obama campaigns

Clinton advisers criticize Barack Obama for abandoning a commitment to accept public funding if he wins the Democratic presidential nomination.

By BETH FOUHY
Associated Press Writer

MILWAUKEE — Grounded by bad weather, Hillary Rodham Clinton noshed on eggs at a diner and visited a Hispanic grocery Sunday while her advisers argued that Barack Obama had abandoned a commitment to accept public funding if he wins the Democratic presidential nomination.

Weather also forced Obama to cancel his only planned event in the state, a town hall in Kaukauna. Earlier, he flew secretly to North Carolina to visit former Sen. John Edwards, whose endorsement both Clinton and Obama are seeking. Edwards quit the campaign earlier this month.

Last week, Obama's campaign walked back from a proposal the Illinois senator made last year to accept public financing for the general election if the Republican nominee also agreed to do so. Such a commitment would level the financial playing field with the apparent GOP nominee, John McCain, whose campaign has had a harder time raising money than Obama, who has broken all fundraising records.

Obama's campaign said accepting public financing was an option he would consider if he wins the nomination, rather than a hard pledge.

Clinton advisers seized on the shift, suggesting it highlighted Obama's pattern of making promises to voters and revising them later as circumstances change.

"When a campaign is based on promises and wonderful oratory, let's take a look at those promises," Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson told reporters on a conference call. He refused to say whether Clinton would commit to accepting public financing if she wins the Democratic nomination.

"We will assess the situation when we get to that point," he said.

As evidence that Obama abandons promises, Wolfson noted that Obama once had stated his support for a "single payer" government-run health system, only to revise his views as he contemplated a presidential bid.

"We don't need lectures on campaign finance from a campaign that's accepted more money from lobbyists than any other Republican or Democratic candidate who's run for president," Obama spokesman Bill Burton responded. "This is a question we will address if and when Obama is the nominee."

A heavy snowstorm forced Clinton to scrap three scheduled appearances in Wisconsin on Sunday. She rescheduled all three for today, promising a long day in advance of Tuesday's primary.

To pass the time, Clinton sampled a spicy Mexican sauce at a grocery store in a heavily Hispanic neighborhood in Milwaukee and purchased hot peppers, which she eats in large quantities to ward off colds.

Earlier, the former first lady visited Miss Katie's Diner near Marquette University, surprising patrons. She ate breakfast with the state's lieutenant governor, Barbara Lawton, after shaking hands and posing for photos.

"She's very personable," Betsy Gonwa said after the New York senator stopped by her table.

But Gonwa said she and her husband already had cast absentee ballots for Obama.

"It was a really hard decision, but we heard him speak when he came here a year ago. This is the first time we've seen Hillary," Willy Gonwa said.

Wolfson, during the conference call, defended the Clinton campaign's decision to leave Wisconsin a day before Tuesday's primary to campaign in Ohio. Polls show a tight race in Wisconsin even as Clinton advisers have publicly downplayed their expectations for the state.

"We feel very good about our chances in Texas and Ohio," Wolfson said of the two delegate-rich states holding primaries March 4.

Clinton's campaign has virtually banked its future on success in both states, but Wolfson refused to say the former first lady must win both places to continue with her campaign.

"We don't consider any states to be 'must win' at this point," he said.

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Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, bank cashier's or trust company, treasurer's check, or approved surety company's bid bond made payable to the Belle Vernon Area School District in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the base bid.

Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud.

Bidder's proposal shall be for the following:

CONTRACT NO. 1 General Construction Work and incidental items necessary to complete the construction of the Project.

CONTRACT NO. 2 HVAC Construction Work and incidental items necessary to complete the construction of the Project.

CONTRACT NO. 3 Plumbing Construction Work and incidental items necessary to complete the construction of the Project.

CONTRACT NO. 4 Electrical Construction Work and incidental items necessary to complete the construction of the Project.

The project is expected to reach substantial completion by August 15, 2008.

Contract Documents, including drawings and specifications, are on file at the above office of the Owner, office of the Architect, Celli-Flynn Brennan, 606 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, at the plan room of the F.W. Dodge Corporation, 600 Waterfront Drive, Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, and the plan room of the Builders Exchange of Pittsburgh, 1813 North Franklin Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, where they may be examined preparatory to, and during bidding.

Copies of the documents may be obtained from Celli-Flynn Brennan on Friday, February 8, 2008 by depositing with the Architect $200.00 in the form of a check made payable to Celli-Flynn Brennan for each set of contract documents obtained. If documents are to be mailed, a separate check to cover the cost for postage and handling must be remitted in the amount of $10.00 per set.

If the documents are returned in good condition within seven (7) days after the opening of bids and a proposal is submitted, the amount of the deposit will be refunded to each actual bidder. If the documents are returned in poor condition (specifications unbound, drawings marked up) and are not returned within the time stated or a proposal not submitted, the entire amount of the deposit will be forfeited.

The Belle Vernon Area School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or parts thereof, or items therein, and to waive any technicalities or informalities in bidding.

No bid or part, or parts thereof, or items therein, shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Owner.

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James M. McKevitt, Board Secretary
2/8,11,18

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Washington County will not be responsible for any incorrect information obtained from any source other than from Washington County.

All bids must be submitted as ONE ORIGINAL + 3 COPIES according to the specifications and upon a uniform proposal blank. Specifications and proposal blanks may be picked up at the Washington County Purchasing Office, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301 or by submitting a written request to this address. Bidders may fax their written request to the Washington County Purchasing Office at 724-250-6555.

You may obtain the above-mentioned bid proposal from the Washington County Web Site at www.co.washington.pa.us. Vendors receiving bids from the web site are responsible for checking for contract changes at the web site.

Bid Securities Are Not Required.

SEALED BID ENVELOPE MUST BE MARKED:

BID: MEAT
CONTRACT NO. 030508-1MT

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DIANA L. IREY

ATTEST:

MARY E. HELICKE
CHIEF CLERK
2/11,18

2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

The proposed budget of the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 is available for public inspection to all persons who may interest themselves at the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit Office at 102 Equity Drive, Greensburg, PA from January 23, 2008 through March 21, 2008. Said proposed budget shall be submitted to the Board of Directors of the seventeen school districts comprising the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit for final approval.

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Sunroof

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B073	2007 GRAND CARAVAN SE (Certified)	$17,890	7248A	2004 DODGE DURANGO 4X4	$9,625
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B075	2007 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY VAN LX (Certified)	$16,698	7418A	2004 DODGE STRATUS COUPE	$7,450
B077	2007 DODGE CARAVAN SXT (Certified)	$15,970	7419A	2004 DODGE RAM SLT 4X4 Toys	$13,550
B076	2007 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY VAN LX (Certified)	$16,985	7288A2	2004 CHEVROLET SILVERADO LS 4X4 Extended Cab	$14,775
B078	2007 CHRYSLER PACIFICA TOURING (Certified)	$16,874	8225A	2003 DODGE CARAVAN SXT	$7,450
8182A	2006 CHRYSLER 300 (Toys)	$13,900	8142A	2000 PONTIAC GRAND AM GT COUPE Loaded	$4,340
B030	2006 CHRYSLER 300 TOURING (Certified)	$14,975	7417B	2001 P.T. CRUISER 36K Mi., Sunroof & More	$6,990
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7046B	2005 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX	$7,775	B067B	1996 CHEVY METRO Auto, Air, Only 33K Miles	MAKE OFFER
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TUESDAY, FEB. 19, 2008

Your greatest successes in the year ahead are likely to come out of situations in which you truly enjoy participating. Even if some endeavors start out small, when you are enthusiastic about them, they grow in both size and significance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Your restless spirit can be more easily satisfied being around outgoing, gregarious people, so if possible, avoid getting involved with those who take life too seriously. Let go and let life happen.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- The possibilities of fulfilling your ambitious objectives are better than usual. This includes even some of the more difficult goals you would like to achieve.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- You're not always good at judging people on the spot because you want to believe everyone is good; however, your judgment about someone you meet will be right on and will effectively produce a positive partnership.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Some important shifts in conditions will be coming your way, but regardless of what or who should author them, you'll be sharp enough to know how to gain from what occurs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Your luck can be greatly enhanced if you keep everything in proper balance. The winning route to take is the middle road, where you are neither overly aggressive nor unduly complacent.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Co-workers are susceptible to mirroring your mood, so if you want a lot accomplished on the job, be as industrious and effective as possible. Once you get on a roll, they'll automatically fall in step.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- In situations where you find yourself as the decision maker, bend over backward to be as fair and balanced as possible. Your actions will win the support you need.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Make domestic matters your top priority, especially if there is something major that needs your immediate attention. When your household issues are put to rest, you will more effectively concentrate on other things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Two of your best assets are the natural diplomacy and tact you automatically apply to all situations, which will serve you well. The moment you turn on the charm, all about you will start purring.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- You're under extremely favorable financial aspects at this time. Apply yourself toward those ends, and strong benefits will be derived. If you don't know how to turn dimes into dollars, associate with moneymakers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- When you find yourself smack in the middle of a meaningful involvement that doesn't seem to have a commanding officer, step forward and take the reins. You're a natural at running things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You will be able to function far more effectively by keeping a low profile, so stay in the shadows as much as possible. When you have to operate out in the open, things will get complicated.

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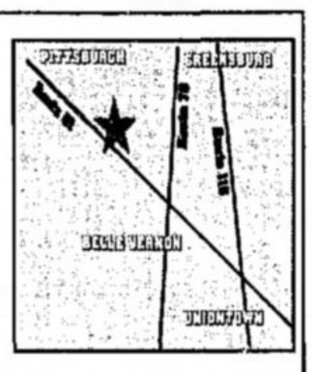

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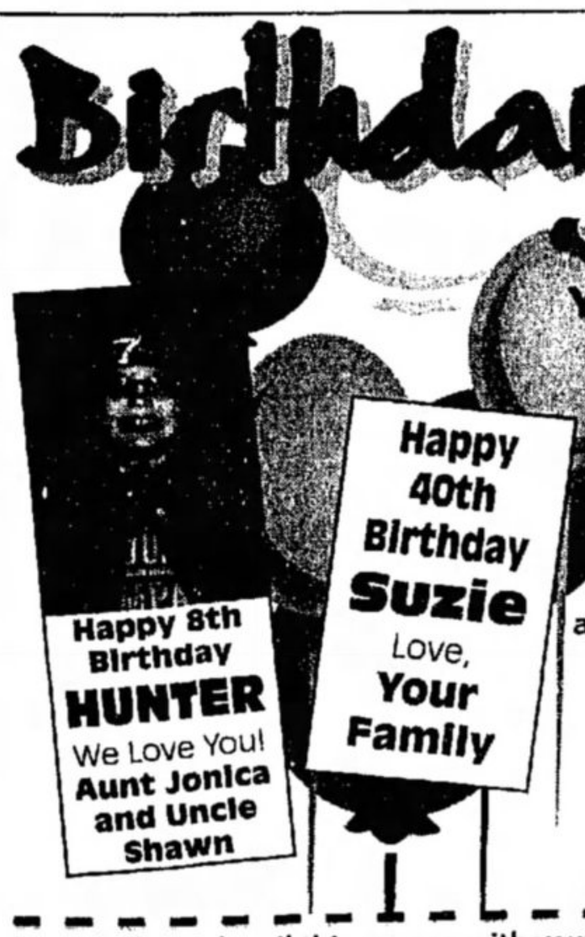

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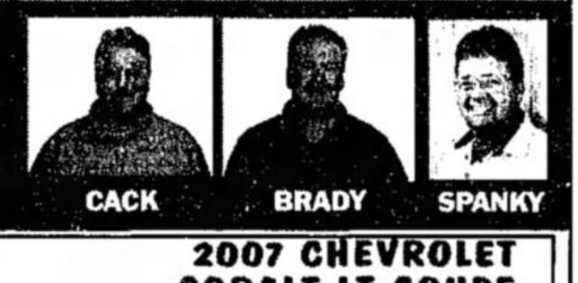

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